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A record of how present-day desk dictionaries are recognizing the existence of variant or secondary spellings for many common English words, this reference list can be used by teachers of English and authors of spelling lists. Originally published in 1958, this revised edition uses two dictionaries not in existence then and the revised editions of three of the dictionaries originally used. The desk dictionaries examined include "The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language," "Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary," "Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language," "The Random House College Dictionary," and "Standard College Dictionary." The list includes fairly common words--assumed to be in the active vocabulary of most adults--which are offered as variants by the dictionaries and which could lead to questions in the mind of the student or teacher concerning the propriety of and authority for certain spellings. Excluded are variants for highly technical terms, geographical proper nouns, unusual foreign terms, and rarely used words. Similarly, space is not given to most paired words which are names for essentially the same things or concepts, but which have taken on distinct identities. (HOD)

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PREFACE

The variant spelling problem is only one part of a greater problem facing every teacher of English and related fields, that of deciding what criteria to use in determining the appropriateness or "correctness" of a language form. In many instances logic, analogy, or tradition favors one while widespread usage favors another.

The material assembled here should be looked upon, first of all, as a record—a record of how present-day desk dictionaries are recognizing the existence of variant or secondary spellings for many common English words. The uses to which this record may be put will vary with the reader; it would be presumptuous, and also probably futile, for the compiler to suggest just how it should be used.

This material should have, however, implications for two groups: teachers of English, particularly at the high school and college levels, and authors of spelling lists and other materials to be used in the teaching of spelling. The teacher of English certainly wishes to keep himself as informed as possible about spellings sanctioned by current and reputable dictionaries; in addition, he must determine his own attitude toward the propriety of the use of variants so that his teaching of spelling will reflect modern usage and his editing of student writing will be fair. Some teachers are not aware of many variant spellings, perhaps because they do not have regular access to up-to-date dictionaries or are not very observant in studying the entries. Others might refuse to let their students use some commonly encountered variants because of personal preference, because of an excessive reliance upon the application of spelling "rules," or because of a well-intentioned effort to preserve what they as teachers feel to be the purity of the language.

The teacher who wishes to warn against the use of a variant is not always on safe ground when he relies upon that old standby "preferred spelling," for reasons other than the obvious one that a disputatious student might protest that the secondary spelling is the one *he* happens to prefer. For one thing, the fact that a spelling is placed first is no guarantee that it is preferred; if two spellings are equally acceptable, the dictionary

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makers have to place one before the other. Also, as indicated in numerous points in this book, dictionaries are not always in agreement upon which variants should be included and which of two or more forms should be placed in first position.

Similarly, the problem of variant spellings cannot be disregarded by those who prepare materials to be used in the teaching of spelling. Should the spelling rule governing the doubling of a final consonant be exemplified by such a word as *traveled* when all of our students have seen *travelled* time after time in the most reputable print? Should a student fill out a practice sheet in which he is asked to add *-able* to *use* and be left with the impression that *usable* is the only acceptable spelling? Should a student be forced to study *adviser* from a list of "demons" when *advisor* is entered as an unqualified variant in all modern dictionaries?

The material assembled for this book will not, of course, provide satisfactory answers to all of these questions. In the teaching of spelling, some teachers, especially at the junior high school level, may not want to give too much information about variant spellings to their students, recognizing the possibility that for some of them this knowledge might serve only to make spelling seem even more troublesome and chaotic. It is not the intent of the compiler that these listings be used as material for direct teaching. Rather, he hopes that they will serve as readily available reference information and source material for the teacher, material which will reveal the existence of common variant spellings and record the unanimity, or lack of unanimity, found in the dictionaries. He hopes, too, that these listings will sharpen the reader's awareness of ongoing linguistic changes that affect usage, and thus help him clarify his thinking on the problem and aid him in being discriminating in his use and acceptance of variant spellings.

The original edition of *Variant Spellings in Modern American Dictionaries* was published by the National Council of Teachers of English in 1958. The justification for a completely revised edition lies in the fact that the dictionaries which supplied the data for the earlier edition must now be considered out of date and unusable for a serious examination of current practice. Two of the dictionaries used for the new edition, in fact, were not in existence in 1958, and the other three have been revised since that time. Desk dictionaries rather than unabridged dictionaries have been used for this edition, the assumption being that the average teacher will not refer to an unabridged, even when one is available, for routine checking of spelling.

The dictionaries used in this study, dictionaries that are accepted, I believe, as the most reputable and that are used most commonly, are the following:

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G. & C. Merriam Co.

Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, Second
College Edition, © 1970 by the World Publishing Company

The Random House College Dictionary, © 1972 by Random House,
Inc.

Standard College Dictionary, Text Edition, © 1968 by Funk &
Wagnalls

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INTRODUCTION

To begin our examination of variant spellings, let us assume two situations, the first to show that the use of a variant can create a classroom problem, and the second to demonstrate the bizarre extreme that variant spellings can lead to, especially when some slightly esoteric words are used.

The possibility of teacher-student conflict over what words are to be called misspelled is ever present unless the teacher arbitrarily establishes one dictionary as the sole authority, an unhappy and impractical solution which might suggest to some students that other dictionaries simply duplicate entries or are unreliable. For example, one student writes that he always polishes his car with a *shamois*, and a second student, developing the same topic, writes that he prefers a soft cloth to a *shamoy*. Let us assume that the teacher, a compulsively conscientious type, takes the time and trouble to check the spellings in three modern desk dictionaries, AH, NC, and NW.¹ He would find these three dictionaries in agreement: *chamois* is the main entry, with two variants (for the hide or cloth, not for the animal), *chammy* and *shammy*. The teacher would, of course, believe himself on safe ground in marking the two student versions as misspellings. What should the teacher do when the first student produces his SC, which gives *shamois* as a third variant, and when the second student points out *shamoy* as an unqualified variant in RH? Some kind of graceful retraction would seem to be in order—at the very least, the “misspelled” labels should be removed.

For the second situation let us assume a student's wanting to write this sentence (admittedly, the unlikelihood of its occurrence is transcendent): “In a cozy house *catc*-cornered from the palace a *finicky caliph*, who maintained that a *jinni* had revealed to him the secrets of the *cabala*, spent much of his time smoking *panatelas*—sometimes *kef*—and training his

¹ AH: *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*
NC: *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*
NW: *Webster's New World Dictionary*
RH: *The Random House College Dictionary*
SC: *Standard College Dictionary*

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pet *parakeet*." Let us assume also the even more unlikely situation that this student would refer to the five dictionaries under examination to check the spelling of the nine italicized words. He would find so many variants that he would arrive at the final version of the sentence only after deciding among the following spellings:

In a *cozy/cosy/cosey/cozey/cosie/cozie* house *cater-cornered/cater-corner/catty-cornered/kitty-cornered/catty-corner/kitty-corner* from the palace a *finicky/finical/finnicky/finicking/finikin/finiking/finickin/finnicking* *caliph/calif/khalif/kalif/kaliph/khalifa*, who maintained that a *jinni/jinn/genie/djinni/djinn/jinne/djin/jin/djinn* had revealed to him the secrets of the *cabala/cabbala/kabala/kabbala/cabbalah/kabbalah*, spent much of his time smoking *panatelas/panetelas/panetellas/panatellas*—sometimes *kes/kif/keef/kief/kaif*—and training his pet *parakeet/parrakeet/parroquet/paroquet/parroket/paraquet*.

With these rich orthographic sources available to him, the student could write his sentence in 11,197,440 ways, with no two versions exactly alike.

The fifty-six spellings possible for the italicized words in this sentence are found in the five dictionaries as follows:

cozy: first entry in all
cosy: variant in all
cosey: variant in NW, SC
cozey: variant in RH, SC
cosie: variant in NW, SC
cozie: variant in RH, SC

cater-cornered: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
cater-corner: first entry (written solid) in NC; variant (written solid or hyphenated) in RH, variant (hyphenated) in AH, NW, SC
catty-cornered: variant in all
kitty-cornered: variant in all
catty-corner: variant in NC, NW, RH
kitty-corner: variant in NC, NW, RH

finicky: first entry in all
finical: variant in all
finnicky: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
finicking: variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
finikin: variant in AH, NW, SC
finiking: variant in RH
finickin: variant in RH
finnicking: variant in SC

caliph: first entry in all
calif: variant in all
khalif: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
kalif: variant in NW, RH, SC
kaliph: variant in NW, SC
khalifa: variant in RH

jinni: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
 jinn: first entry in NC, RH; called the plural of *jinni* in AH, NW, SC
 genie: variant in all
 djinni: variant in all
 djinn: variant in NC, RH; called the plural of *djinni* in AH, NW
 jinnee: variant in AH, SC
 djin: variant in NC, RH
 jin: variant in RH
 djinny: variant in AH

cabala: first entry in all
 cabbala: variant in all
 kabala: variant in all
 kabbala: variant in all
 cabbalah: variant in NC
 kabbalah: variant in NC

panatela: first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
 panetela: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
 panetella: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
 panatella: variant in AH, NW, RH

kef: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
 kif: first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH
 keef: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
 kief: variant in NW, RH, SC
 kaif: variant in RH

parakeet: first entry in all
 parrakeet: variant in all
 parroquet: variant in AH, SC
 paroquet: variant in AH, SC
 parrokett: variant in AH, SC
 paraquet: variant in AH, SC

As one progresses in his examination of current dictionaries and accumulates samples of variant spellings, he finds many words he comes to think of as isolated examples, one-of-a-kind spelling peculiarities that seem unrelated to any other word or word group. But he also finds that for numerous other words he formulates categories into which these words fall, some categories reflecting certain matters of dictionary practice and others grouping together words related by form. Because large numbers of variant spellings can be most conveniently examined in terms of these categories, examples from the reference list have been selected and arranged on the following pages to illustrate such facets of the problem as conflicting first entry/variant status, variants found in only one dictionary, variant forms for plurals and several other kinds of derived words, and qualifying labels used in dictionaries with variants.

1. Lack of Agreement, First Entry/Variant

It is not surprising that the dictionaries often fail to agree on which form should be the first entry and which should be the secondary or

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variant.² With words having several spelling versions, extracting the information from the dictionaries can sometimes be laborious. Here are two rather extreme examples, the second involving only four of the dictionaries:

St. Vitus's dance: first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH
 St. Vitus' dance: first entry in AH; variant in SC
 Saint Vitus's dance: first entry in NC
 Saint Vitus' dance: first entry in NW
 St. Vitus dance: variant in RH, SC

bogeyman: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH
 boogeyman: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC
 bogyman: first entry in NW; variant in AH
 boogieman: first entry in AH; variant in RH
 boogerman: variant in NC, RH
 boogyman: variant in AH
 (SC has *hoge* and *bogie* as variants for *bogy* but no entry for *bogeyman*.)

Of particular interest are words for which all five dictionaries have two spellings with what might be called a 3/2 split. For every one of the following examples, the spelling in first position is the first entry in three dictionaries and the variant in two; the spelling in second position is the first entry in two dictionaries and the variant in three.

all-around (adj)/all-round	kidnapped/-pping/kidnaped/-ping
caldron/cauldron	lady's man/ladies' man
carousel/carrousel	lubricous/lubricious
collectible/collectable	maharajah/maharaja
damndest/damndest	mama/mamma
descendent (adj)/descendant	maulstick/mahlstick
dumfound/dumbfound	Mephistophelean/Mephistophetian
estivate/aestivate	namable/nameable
eyeing/cying	pixy/pixie
falderol/folderol	shier,-est/shyer,-est
fjord/fiord	spumone/spumoni
gismo/gizmo	suppley/supply
grotesquery/grotesquerie	thereabouts/thereabout
hearken/harken	upward of/upwards of
hoboes/hobos	veld/veldt
incrust/encrust	vendor/vender

2. Variants Found in Only One Dictionary

The hypothetical case mentioned earlier of the student who polishes his car with a *shamoy*, a spelling found in only one of the five dictionaries, is by no means an isolated possibility. However plaintively some among us might protest that such a situation would not be permitted in a

² The term "first entry" is used advisedly: it is a completely objective description of the arrangement of the words in an entry. Because there are unquestionably many words for which two spellings occur with almost equal frequency, "first entry" should not be equated with "main entry" and certainly not with "preferred spelling."

well-ordered and rational world, the fact remains that numerous “singles” can be found. In such a case, the likelihood of teacher-student argument over a “misspelling” is obvious. The samples listed below, indicating the single dictionary that contains the variant, are words of common enough occurrence to warrant inclusion of the main entry in all five dictionaries. The reference list includes many other examples—*umpteenth* (4)/*lumteenth* (1); *cacciatore* (3)/ *cacciatora* (1)—of less commonly used words for which at least one dictionary has no main entry.

accidentally/accidently (NC)	inangy/mangey (RH)
albacore/albicore (SC)	marshal (noun)/marshall (NC)
allergen/allergin (SC)	memento/momento (NC)
bail (to dip water)/bale (RH)	minuscule/miniscule (NC)
bobby pin/bobbie pin (SC)	mongoose/mungoose (SC)
bony/boney (NC)	nicotine/nicotin (SC)
broccoli/brocoli (NC)	ornery/onery (SC)
bulrush/bultrush (NC)	papier-mâché/paper-mâché (RH)
canvas (noun)/canvass (NC)	paprika/paprica (SC)
canvass (verb)/canvas (NC)	pastрами/pastromi (NC)
cesspool/sesspool (SC)	plastically/plasticly (RH)
chipmunk/chipmuck (SC)	plenitude/plentitude (NC)
chop suey/chop sooy (RH)	producible/produceable (RH)
commandery/commandry (SC)	prolifically/prolificly (RH)
comprise/comprize (RH)	prophecy (noun)/prophecy (NC)
coolly/cooly (NC)	rarefy/rarify (NC)
cuckoo (silly, crazy)/coocoo (NW)	ratchet/rachet (NC)
dandruff/dandriff (RH)	regrettable,-ably/regrettable,-ably (RH)
dissension/dissention (NC)	renege/renig (NC)
doctoral/doctorial (RH)	restaurateur/restauranteur (NC)
dote/doat (AH)	rustically/rusticly (RH)
emblaze/imblaze (SC)	Santa Claus/Santa Klaus (NW)
endow,-ment/indow,-ment (SC)	sherbet/sherbert (NC)
enzyme/enzym (SC)	skulk/sculk (RH)
espresso/expresso (NW)	smoky/smokey (NC)
gluing/glueing (NC)	spicy/spicey (RH)
granddad/grandad (NC)	strychnine/strychnin (SC)
harebrained/hairbrained (RH)	supersede/supercede (NC)
hassle/hassel (SC)	sway-backed (adj)/sway-back (RH)
heyday/heydey (RH)	trampoline/trampolin (AH)
ideology/idealogy (NC)	translator/translator (RH)
jetsam/jetsom (RH)	trestle/tressel (NC)
knowledgeable/knowledgable (RH)	tying/tyeing (NC)
lacy/lacey (NC)	ukulele/ukelele (RH)
lagoon/laguna (AH)	unwieldy/unwieldly (RH)
lens/lense (NC)	upstairs (adj)/upstair (RH)
leukemia/leucemia (RH)	yachtsman/yachtman (SC)
mandolin/mandoline (NC)	yogi/yogee (SC)

3. Variants with plural nouns

Irregularities with some plurals have been such a persistent spelling problem that, not surprisingly, modern dictionaries are offering greater

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numbers of variants for these noun forms. The reference list contains a few entries for certain types of plurals: nouns ending in *f* (*dwarfs/dwarves*; *hoofs/hooves*; *wharves/wharfs*); nouns ending in *i* (*alkalis/alkalies*; *rabbis/rabbies*; *taxis/taxies*); and final consonant doubling (*buses/busses*; *gases/gasses*). Worthy of more detailed examination are three other plurals: for nouns ending in *o*, for compounds, and for "measurement" nouns ending in *ful*.

Plurals of nouns ending in *o*

Although authors of handbooks and spelling manuals of a generation ago sometimes attempted statements resembling "rules" about plurals of nouns ending in *o*, modern authorities, if they mention the situation at all, usually restrict their information to the fact that the plural is formed with *s* when the *o* is preceded by a vowel. In older handbooks alternate spellings were sometimes acknowledged but with statements that, at least at the present moment, must be called unrealistic. For example, in the third edition of *The Century Collegiate Handbook* (1950), the statement "Add either *s* or *es* to these nouns" is followed by seven nouns: *zero*, *cargo*, *motto*, *banjo*, *buffalo*, *memento*, *volcano*. The statement carries the unfortunate implication that these seven nouns are not merely examples but are the only ones that have two acceptable plural forms.

Actually, the reference list yields a total of seventy-seven nouns ending in *o* with variant plurals. For twenty-nine of these, the five dictionaries are in complete agreement. The word in first position in the following list is the first entry in all dictionaries; the word in second position is the variant in all.

banjos/banjoes	mestizos/mestizoes
buffaloes/buffalos	Moriscos/Moriscoes
calicoes/calicos	mottoes/mottos
carboes/cargos	Negritos/Negritoes
commandos/commandoes	palmettos/palmettoes
desperadoes/desperados	placebos/placeboes
flamingos/flamingoes	porticoes/porticos
frescoes/frescos	provisos/provisoes
geckoes/geckoes	salvos/salvoes
grottoes/grottos	stilettoes/stilettoes
halos/haloes	tornadoes/tornados
indigos/indigoes	viragoes/viragos
lassoes/lassoes	volcanoes/volcanos
mangoes/mangos	zeros/zeroes
mementos/mementoes	

The reference list also contains other words for which one or two of the dictionaries do not include a plural spelling; however, the dictionaries that do note the plural spelling agree on the first entry and the variant: *bravadoes/bravados*; *dagos/dagoes*; *passados/passadoes*.

There are, of course, instances of lack of unanimity in designating which spelling is the first entry:

archipelagoes: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 archipelagos: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
 didos: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
 didoes: first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
 dodos: first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
 dodos: first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
 fiascoes: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 fiascos: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
 hoboes: first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
 hobos: first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
 innuendoes: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
 innuendos: first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW
 manifestoes: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 manifestos: first entry in NC; variant in AH, SC
 mulattoes: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
 mulattos: first entry in AH; variant in NC
 peccadilloes: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
 peccadillos: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
 stucoes: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 stuccos: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
 torpedoes: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
 torpedos: first entry in SC
 winos: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
 winoes: first entry in AH, SC

There are also a few cases of variants found in only one dictionary. The spelling on the left is the first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant in the single dictionary noted:

avocados (all)	avocadoes (NC)
dados (all)	dados (RH)
heroes (a large sandwich) (all)	heros (RH)
locos (AH, NC, RH, SC)	locoes (NC)
politicos (all)	politicoes (NC)
pronunciamentos (AH, NC, NW, SC)	pronunciamentoes (NC)
tuxedos (all)	tuxedoes (NC)

Plurals of compounds

The possibility of confusion in forming the plural of compounds is obvious. The Government Printing Office *Style Manual*, to exemplify its rule that "the significant word takes the plural form" (p. 66), recognizes five types of compounds: significant word first (*brothers-in-law*), significant word in middle (*assistant attorneys general*), significant word last (*judge advocates*), both words of equal significance (*masters at arms*), and no word significant in itself (*forget-me-nots*). The difficulty of determining degrees of "significance" has brought about the appearance in print of some alternate plurals, apparently often enough in reputable sources to warrant inclusion in modern dictionaries. The spelling on the left is the

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first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant:

attorneys general (all)	attorney generals (NC, NW, RH, SC)
courts-martial (all)	court-martials (NC, NW, RH)
fallings-out (AH, NC, RH)	falling-outs (AH, NC, RH)
jack-in-the-boxes (AH, NC, NW, RH)	jacks-in-the-box (AH, NC)
Johnny-come-latelies (AH, NC, RH)	Johnnies-come-lately (NC, RH)
lyings-in (NC, RH)	lying-ins (NC, RH)
notaries public (all)	notary publics (NC, NW)
poets laureate (all)	poet laureates (AH, NC, NW)

A related problem occurs with a few solid compounds and also with some foreign compounds which show a conflict between the native plural and an Anglicized form.

bons mots: first entry in all
bon mots: variant in NC
cul-de-sacs: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
culs-de-sac: first entry in NC, RH; French in NW, SC
menfolk: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
menfolks: variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
petits fours: first entry in all
petit fours: variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
tenderfoots: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
tenderfeet: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
wagons-lits: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
wagon-lits: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC
womenfolk: first entry in all
womenfolks: variant in all

Plurals of nouns ending in *ful*

The combining of a noun and *ful(l)* to make a solid compound is by no means a recent development. Some dates from the OED are interesting: *baggeful* (1305), *coppefulle* (1400), *sponc-ful* (1290), *sponfull* (1380), *sponeful* (1425). The plural form *armefuls* appeared in 1579.

Writers are often warned against the obvious temptation to place the plural marker with the noun part of these *-ful* words. "Nouns ending with *ful* form the plural by adding *s* at the end; if it is necessary to express the idea that more than one container was filled, the two elements of the solid compound are printed as separate words and the plural is formed by adding the *s* to the noun" (GPO *Style Manual*, p. 66). NW explains one of the uses of the suffix *-ful* this way: "4. *pl. -fuls* the quantity that fills or would fill [*teaspoonful*, *handful*]: the plural is sometimes formed in colloquial usage by adding *-s* to the noun stem [*cupsful*]." The problem is also the subject of a Usage Note in AH after the *-ful* entry.

The late Philip B. Gove, the editor in chief of *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* and *Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary*, mentions these words in discussing the preparation of W3: "In any case,

from the late 1940s until the late 1950s the W3 editors were constantly paying attention analytically to problems of language behavior about which they felt they did not know enough. . . . The editors studied functional change, objects of transitive verbs, logico-historical order, cardinal and ordinal numbers, interjections, attributive nouns, two-word verbs, reflexive verbs, and affixes of all types, which, incidentally, led W3 to recognize that words like *basketful* and *cupful* have variant plurals: *cupfuls* also *cupsful* and *basketful** also *basketsful*, facts not recognized in either W2 or OED at *cupful* and *basketful*.³ This development is noted also in the W3 definition of the suffix *-ful*: "number or quantity that fills or would fill . . . sometimes after pl. nouns (*bagsful*)."

The number of *-ful* nouns with variant plurals is very small. NC offers nine, and AH with three is the only other of the five desk dictionaries that gives any medial-s variants. The spelling in first position is the first entry; the spelling in second position is the variant in the single dictionary indicated.

<i>armfuls/armful</i> (NC)	<i>handfuls/handful</i> (NC)
<i>bagfuls/bagsful</i> (AH)	<i>pocketfuls/pocketsful</i> (AH)
<i>barrelfuls/barrelful</i> (NC)	<i>shovelful/shovelful</i> (NC)
<i>bucketfuls/bucketful</i> (NC)	<i>spoonfuls/spoonful</i> (NC)
<i>cupfuls/cupsful</i> (NC)	<i>tablespoonfuls/tablespoonsful</i> (NC)
<i>forkfuls/forksful</i> (AH)	<i>teaspoonfuls/teaspoonsful</i> (NC)

These words can serve, however, to point up a larger problem that can complicate the lives of writers and of teachers of English. When a new edition of a dictionary appears, there will be, inevitably and understandably, new variant spellings added and others deleted.⁴

The treatment of medial-s variant plurals for *-ful* nouns in the three available Merriam-Webster dictionaries (W3, NC7, NC8), while in itself of no great significance, hints at the decisions that lexicographers must make and illustrates again the possibility of teacher-student disagreement over authority for a spelling. NC7 gives two possible plurals for eighteen of

*An obvious typo for *basketfuls*. Incidentally, the reference list in this book does not contain this word. Although W3 gives the two plurals, NC has no plural for *basketful*.

³ "English Dictionaries of the Future," in *New Aspects of Lexicography*, ed. Howard D. Weinrot (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1972), pp. 155-56.

⁴ From the numerous examples that could be used, the following can serve as illustrations. *Spinage*, an unqualified variant in NC7 (1963), is not found in NC8 (1973). *Supercede* is a variant in NC8 but not in NC7. In the 1966 printing of SC *whisky* is in first position and *whiskey* is the variant; the order is reversed in the 1968 edition. In 1963 SC presents *zarape* as a variant for the main entry *serape*. In 1966 *serape* has become the first entry. A separate entry for *zarape* reads "See *serape*," which in turn refers the reader to *serape*, which definition ends with "also spelled *zarape*," with no mention of *zarape*. The current edition does not contain *zarape*.

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these nouns; in each case the terminal-s spelling (*armfuls*) is in first position and the medial-s spelling (*armsful*) in variant position. But we find in NC8 that ten of these entries show no plural form, suggesting, of course, that the regular terminal-s spelling is the only possible plural. Thus NC8 gives no authority for the following spellings, all of which are unqualified variants in NC7: *bagsful*, *bottlesful*, *forksful*, *jugsful*, *lapsful*, *platesful*, *pocketsful*, *roomsful*, *sacksful*, *teacupsful*.

Actually, for only eight of these words are the three Merriam-Webster dictionaries in complete agreement: *armfuls/armsful*, *barrelfuls/barreelsful*, *cupfuls/cupsful*, *handfuls/handsful*, *shovelfuls/shovelsful*, *spoonfuls/spoonsful*, *tablespoonfuls/tablespoonsful*, *teaspoonfuls/teaspoonsful*.

For those laymen with even a mild curiosity about dictionary making, the following items may be worth speculating about:

<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>
basketful	W3: basketfuls <i>also</i> basketsful NC7: no entry NC8: no plural given
bottleful	W3: bottlefuls NC7: bottlefuls <i>or</i> bottlesful NC8: no plural given
bucketful	W3: bucketfuls <i>or</i> bucketsful NC7: no entry NC8: bucketfuls <i>or</i> bucketsful
lapful	W3: lapfuls NC7: lapfuls <i>or</i> lapsful NC8: no plural given
pailful	W3: pailfuls <i>also</i> pailsful NC7: no plural given NC8: no plural given
roomful	W3: roomfuls NC7: roomfuls <i>or</i> roomsful NC8: no plural given
scoopful	W3: scoopfuls <i>or</i> scoopsful NC7: no plural given NC8: no plural given
tableful	W3: tablefuls <i>or</i> tablesful NC7: no entry NC8: no plural given
windowful	W3: windowfuls <i>also</i> windowsful NC7: no entry NC8: no entry

4. Variants with Derived Forms

The formation of certain derived forms by the addition of a suffix to a base word brings up several spelling problems. A writer is continually

confronted by choices. He encounters an obscure vowel in an unstressed syllable and must decide between *-able* and *-ible*, between *-or* and *-er*. With words ending in *y*, should he change the *y* to *i* before adding a suffix? Should he drop or retain the terminal mute *e* of the base word? To form principal parts of verbs and some adjectives, should he or should he not double the final consonant of the base word? The uneasiness on the part of many writers over the apparent willfulness of many of these spellings has had a visible result, the presence in modern dictionaries of hundreds of variant spellings for words in these categories, further evidence that usage ultimately determines standards.

Adjectives in *-able*, *-ible*

The suffix *-able* is a useful form that, because it can be added to any transitive verb, gives us an open-ended source of new words. In addition, its use in words like *impressable*, *sizable*, *fashionable*, *clubbable*, and *jeepable* shows that it has a wide range of origins and meanings. The consequence, that present-day English uses *-able* more than *-ible*, provides the only help, certainly minimal and unreliable, when a hit-or-miss choice must be made.

Forty-four of these adjectives are included in the reference list of variants. Seven of these should be noted; they are words apparently used often enough to be included in all five dictionaries, with all five giving first position to the *-able* spelling and offering *-ible* as a variant: *addable*, *ascendable*, *condensable*, *extractable*, *ignitable*, *includable*, *preventable*.

As would be expected, other examples show that not all of the dictionaries have included the first entry and/or the variant. The spelling on the left is the first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant.

detectable (all)	detectible (AH, NW, RH, SC)
collapsible (all)	collapsable (AH, RH, SC)
evadable (AH, NC, NW, SC)	evadible (AH, SC)
lapsable (NW, RH, SC)	lapsible (NW, RH, SC)
investable (NC, RH)	investible (RH)

With the *-able/-ible* adjectives, only three frequently encountered words show lack of agreement among the dictionaries on first entry/variant status:

- collectible: first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
- collectable: first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH
- discussible: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
- discussable: first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
- transmittable: first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW
- transmittible: first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH

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There are two examples of words in which the *-able/-ible* problem and the doubled consonant problem come together:

inferable: first entry in all	inferible: variant in NC, RH inferred: variant in RH
referable: first entry in all	referrable: variant in NW, RH, SC referrible: variant in NW, SC

Agent nouns, *-or/-er*

Slightly more than one hundred agent nouns (verb derivative indicating one who does something) have been selected from the five desk dictionaries to show the prevalence of variant *-or/-er* spellings. Of this total, only fifteen are "singles," variants found in only one dictionary (see entries in the reference list for *consecrator*, *payer*, *translator*).

Twenty-nine of these words are extracted from the list and grouped here for examination, since they are words used often enough to warrant entries in all five dictionaries. For seventeen of these, all five dictionaries give the variant. The spelling in first position is the first entry in all dictionaries; the spelling in second position is the variant in all dictionaries.

abettor/abetter	desecrator/desecrator
adapter/adaptor	indicter/indictor
adjuster/adjustor	inflicter/inflictor
adviser/advisor	interceptor/interceptor
barrator/barrater	jailer/jailor
conjurer/conjuro	mortgagor/mortgager
connector/connector	reviser/revisor
converter/convector	tormentor/tormenter
corrupter/corruptor	

For the remaining twelve, all but one of the dictionaries give the variant; that particular dictionary is indicated in parentheses following the variant.

addresser/addressor (not NC)	dissipater/dissipator (not NC)
animator/animator (not NC)	exhibitor/exhibitor (not NC)
consignor/consigner (not NC)	expediter/expeditor (not NW)
contemner/contemnor (not AH)	neglecter/neglector (not NC)
diffuser/diffusor (not NC)	pawner/pawnor (not SC)
disrupter/disruptor (not NC)	rejecter/rejector (not RH)

Of the relatively few instances of lack of agreement among the dictionaries on the first entry/variant status of agent nouns, the following fairly common words should be noted:

bettor (one who bets): first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
better: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
contradictor: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
contradictor: first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
distrainer: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
distrainer: first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

exactor: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 exacter: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
 institutor: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
 instituter: first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
 interpolater: first entry in NW, RH, SC
 interpolator: first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
 stimulator: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in RH
 stimulator: first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
 suppressor: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
 suppresser: first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
 vendor: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
 vender: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

Variants with *y* words

The existence of many variants involving *y* attests to the uneasiness spellers have felt about *y* or *i* before certain suffixes, about *y* or *ie* as the final syllable in nouns like *deary/dearie*, and about *y* or *ey* as a suffix in adjectives like *choosy/choosey*.

When the base word ends in *y* (and in a few instances in *i* or *ie*), the addition of a suffix has given us several words for which the dictionaries report variants. For nine commonly used words, the first entries and variants are found in all five of the dictionaries:

countrified/countryfied	gaily/gayly
dryly/drily	honeyed/honied
flier/flyer	prier/pryer
fryer/frier	taxing/taxying
gaity/gayety	

For a few words of this type, interesting cases of apparent inconsistency can be found. Although all five dictionaries list the variant *drily*, four give *slily* and only two give *shily*. The dictionaries agree in making *flier* and *prier* the first entries and *flyer* and *pryer* the secondary spellings, but the arrangement is reversed with *fryer*, the first entry, and *frier*, the variant.

The treatment of some comparative and superlative forms of adjectives is also worth noting:

drier, -est: first entry in all
 dryer, -est: unqualified in AH; "occasionally" in SC
 shier, -est: first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
 shyer, -est: first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
 slier, -est: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 slyer, -est: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
 sprier, -est: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 spryer, -est: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
 wrier, -est: first entry in all
 wryer, -est: variant in AH, SC

And a rather careful reading of dictionary entries is required to discover the spelling distinction made between two agent nouns derived

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from *dry*. For the meaning "something that dries, such as a substance added to paint or varnish," the first entry is *drier* and the variant is *dryer* in all five dictionaries. But for the meaning "an apparatus for drying something, such as the hair or clothes," *dryer* is the first entry in four and the variant in one, while *drier* is the first entry in one and the variant in four.

The reference list contains about two dozen nouns ending in the *ie/y* suffix, most of them (but not all) being familiar or affectionate terms illustrating the two usual meanings of this suffix: "small, little" (*piggy/piggie*), or "one that is as specified" (*sharpie/sharpy*). Since several of these words are of fairly recent coinage and evidently of limited occurrence, one or more of the dictionaries have no entry for some. Here are a few samples:

deary: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC	dearie: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
girlie: first entry in NC, NW, RH	girly: variant in NC, NW
granny: first entry in all	grannie: variant in all
hippie: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH	hippy: variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
junkie: first entry in all	junky: variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
kooky: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH	kookie: variant in NC, NW, RH
oldie: first entry in NC, NW	oldy: variant in NC, NW
plkie: first entry in all	pinky: variant in all
walkie-talkie: first entry in all	walky-talky: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
kiddy: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC	
kiddie: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC	
nightie: first entry in NC, NW, RH	
nighty: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH	
smoothie: first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC	
smoothy: first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC	

For the adjective suffix *y* with the general meaning of "characterized by, inclined to, somewhat," all of the dictionaries acknowledge the *ey* variant suffix. (The *ey* form is, of course, obligatory in words like *clayey*.) The reference list contains thirty adjectives⁵ of this type. Listed here are those found in all five dictionaries, with the first entry indicated first and the variant indicated second.

choosy/choosey	nosy/nosey
cliquey/cliquy	phony*/phoney
dopey/dopy	poky (slow)/pokey
homey/hony	spoonY/spooney
mousy/mousey	stagy/stagey

⁵ The same spelling problem occurs with a few nouns. See, for instance, *flunky/flunkey*, *pokey/poky* (jail), *shinny/shinney*, *trolley/trolly* in the list.

⁶ Included in this list despite the fact that the *y/ey* is not a suffix. The origin of the word is unknown. All five dictionaries include the variant spelling for the noun use also.

The variant spellings *cagy*, *flukey*, and *stoney* are found in all except one of the dictionaries. And, as would be expected, there are a few instances of lack of agreement concerning first entry/variant status:

goosey: first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC
 goosy: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW
 horsy: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 horsey: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
 piny: first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
 piney: first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
 plaguy: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
 plaguey: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC

Variants with terminal *e* in the base word

The spelling "rule" governing the dropping or the retention of *e* when a suffix is added is of unquestioned value. The spelling of so many derived words is affected by it that the writer who is unaware of the general principle involved will certainly be crippled as a speller. But the teacher of spelling or the reader of student papers will be interpreting actual present-day spelling practice accurately if he remembers that modern dictionaries contain many secondary spellings that seem to violate the principle of dropping the *e* before a vowel and retaining it before a consonant. The reference list shows more than eighty variants for words of the final *e* type (not including the *y/ey* suffix words noted above).

It is true that some of the words in this group are derived forms of such limited occurrence that only one dictionary has the entry, such as *raisable/raiseable*, *shamable/shameable*. There are also a few instances of words which warrant first entries in all dictionaries but for which only one dictionary offers the variant, such secondary spellings as *chargable*, *glueing*, *knowledgable*, *queueing*, and *twingeing*.

Although nearly two-thirds of the words of this type found in the list involve the suffix *-able*, other suffixes before final *e* of the base word have given rise to variants. Some of the more common of these words are given below, with the spelling in first position the first entry in all dictionaries, and the spelling in the second position the variant in the dictionaries indicated.

awing/aweing AH, SC	linage/lineage all
bluing/blueing all	mileage/milage AH, NW, RH, SC
bluish/blueish AH, NW, RH, SC	ogreish/ogrish NW, RH, SC
cuing/cueing NC, NW	pipage/pipeage AH, NC
dilettantish/dilettanteish RH, SC	squirearchy/squirarchy all
dilettantism/dilettanteism NW, RH, SC	tingeing/tinging all

Any observant reader will certainly be aware of the prevalence of *-eable* adjectives in reputable print. The reference list contains fifty-five

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examples. Listed below are words of this group for which the variant⁷ is found in at least three of the five dictionaries. The spelling on the left is the first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant.

atonable (AH, RH, SC)	atoneable (AH, RH, SC)
bitable (AH, RH, SC)	biteable (AH, RH, SC)
blamable (all)	blameable (AH, NW, RH, SC)
citable (NC, NW, RH, SC)	eiteable (NW, RH, SC)
confinable (AH, NW, RH, SC)	confinable (AH, NW, RH, SC)
datable (all)	dateable (AH, NC, NW, RH)
dislikable (NC, NW, RH, SC)	dislikeable (NC, NW, RH)
finable (AH, NW, RH, SC)	fineable (AH, NW, RH, SC)
hirable (AH, NW, RH, SC)	hircable (AH, NW, RH, SC)
likable (all)	likeable (all)
livable (all)	liveable (all)
lovable (all)	loveable (all)
minable (AH, NC, NW, RH)	mineable (AH, NC, NW, RH)
movable (all)	moveable (all)
ratable (all)	rateable (NC, NW, RH, SC)
salable (all)	saleable (all)
savable (all)	saveable (all)
shakable (all)	shakeable (all)
sizable (all)	sizeable (all)
smokable (NC, NW, RH)	smokeable (NC, NW, RH)
tamable (NC, NW, RH, SC)	tameable (NC, NW, RH, SC)
tradable (NC, NW, RH)	tradeable (NC, NW, RH)
tunable (all)	tuneable (all)
unsalable (NC, NW, RH, SC)	unsaleable (NW, RH, SC)
usable (all)	useable (all)
votable (AH, NW, RH, SC)	voteable (AH, NW, RH, SC)

Variants with base words ending in a single consonant

The spelling of hundreds of derived words is determined by the application of a rule requiring the doubling of the final consonant of the base before a suffix beginning with a vowel when three conditions hold: the base word ends in a single consonant, the single consonant is preceded by a single vowel, and the accent is on the last syllable in polysyllabic

⁷ The teacher who finds a kind of Mosaic certitude in the application of spelling rules should be cautioned again about the injudicious use of such expressions as "preferred spelling." Two of the dictionaries place the spelling *hateable* in first position, making *harable* the apparent variant. The two spellings *namable* and *nameable* are found in all five dictionaries, two of which use the order *namable*, *nameable*. One dictionary that gives *unnamable* as an undefined derived form does not include the spelling *unnamable*, and the one dictionary that derives an *-able* adjective from the verb *graze* presents it as "grazeable or grazable."

The rule-conscious teacher should also be reminded to read carefully the explanatory material in his dictionaries. In NC, for instance, ten of the two spellings from the list above are joined by *or*. In the explanatory notes (page 11a), we are told that words thus entered are "equal variants. Both are standard, and either one may be used according to personal inclination."

words. The complexity of the rule has led some to question its value, and the existence of many variants and irregularities can be used as further evidence that teaching the rule will probably have only limited success.

Most of the variants for words affected by this spelling rule are found with the principal parts of regular verbs. Although there are variants in the reference list for about three dozen derived nouns and adjectives, the variant *-ed*, *-ing* verb forms⁸ total well over one hundred.

It is impossible to isolate these verbs and examine them as a group without becoming aware of the way the dictionaries make use of the "especially British" label. (A further discussion of the use of this qualifying label is found in the next section.) As the reference list shows, nearly all of the doubled consonant verb variants carry the label from at least one dictionary; among the few that are unqualified are *bayonnetted* (variant in AH, NC, NW, RH), *benefitted* (variant in NC, RH), *brevetted* (variant in all), *caucussed* (variant in AH, NW, SC), and *photostatted* (variant in AH, NW, SC).

A close examination of these verb forms reveals the predilection of one dictionary, RH, for the use of this label. Slightly more than thirty of the doubled consonant verbs are designated "British" by two dictionaries. In addition to these thirty, RH uses the label with over fifty other *-ed*, *-ing* forms when the other dictionaries give the second spelling with no qualification. RH is the only dictionary that attaches the British label to such commonly encountered spellings as *counselled*, *dialled*, *equalled*, *focussed*, *labelled*, *libelled*, *quarrelled*, *revelled*, *signalled*, *totalled*, *travelled*, and *tunnelled*.

Several quite commonly used words with the doubled consonant complication show that the dictionaries do not always agree on which spelling should be in first position. Another situation to note is that in a few cases the British label is attached by at least one dictionary to doubled consonant spellings which in other dictionaries not only are unqualified but also are placed in first position.

- bused: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
- bussed: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- buses: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
- busses: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- chairmanned: first entry in NC, NW, RH
- chairmanned: first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH
- cornettist: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
- cornettist: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- councilor: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
- councillor: first entry in NC, RH; unqualified in AH; British in NW, SC
- diagrammed: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
- diagrammed: first entry in AH; unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

⁸ Examples used here will show only the *-ed* form. When a dictionary gives a variant for the *-ed* form, it of course gives one for the *-ing* form also.

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hiccuped: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
hiccupped: first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
kidnaped: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
kidnapper: first entry in NC, NW; unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH
kidnapped: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
kidnaped: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
monogrammed: first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in SC
monogramed: first entry in SC; variant in AH
monometallism: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
monometalism: first entry in SC; variant in AH
nonplused: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
nonplussed: first entry in NC; unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH
programmed: first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in SC; "esp. Brit. and Computer Technol." in RH
programed: first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
protocolled: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW
protocolled: first entry in NW; variant in AH, SC

5. Qualifying Labels with Variant Spellings

British

British preference is still apparent in the spelling of a few classes of words, but the unlimited exchange of all media has pretty well eradicated national distinctions. For most readers in the United States only a few words—perhaps *cyder*, *kerb*, *gaol*, *tyre*, *waggon*, for example—call attention to themselves. American television viewers addicted to older British-made films very likely do not notice that the J. Arthur Rank organisation is presenting the film or that the colour is by *Technicolor*. Thousands of American and British citizens see American Express Travelers Cheques, an interesting—planned(?)—union of *cheque*, distinctly and nearly exclusively a British form, and *traveler*, a spelling not found in the current edition of *The Concise Oxford Dictionary* (1970 printing of the fifth edition), the editors of which, apparently, still follow the admonition which Mr. Fowler included in the preface to the first edition in 1911: "In dealing with verbs such as *level*, *rivet*, *bias*, whose parts and derivatives are variously spelt, the final consonant being often doubled with no phonetic or other significance, we have as far as possible fallen in with the present tendency, which is to drop the useless letter, but stopped short of recognizing forms that at present strike every reader as Americanisms: thus we write *riveted*, *riveter*, but not *traveling*, *traveler*."

Although some national preferences will certainly prevail, it is to be hoped that all teachers will discriminate between regional preference and "correct" spelling, will realize that the "problem" is really not a problem at all but only an interesting orthographic situation best viewed in the

gently ironic light of Fowler's account of British attitudes toward *-or/-our* spellings.⁹

Further evidence that national spelling distinctions are lessening is seen in the fact that the British label is used quite sparingly in most of our modern dictionaries.¹⁰ Certain uses of the qualification might raise questions in the minds of those of us laymen who have no first-hand knowledge of the procedures, the standards, and the evidence used by lexicographers. Four dictionaries use the label with *reflexion*; SC does not, although it does use it with *deflexion*, *inflexion*, and *connexion*. Why does RH call *quartette* and *septette* British spellings but not *octette*, *quintette*, and *sextette*? With four American dictionaries placing *aesthete*, *archaeology*, and *idyll* in first position, why does SC call them British variants? Why doesn't NC join the other four in designating *medallist* a British preference when it is the only spelling given in *The Concise Oxford*?

Such questions aside, here is a list of some common words about which there is no disagreement. Every dictionary that has the variant labels the spelling British. The starred words are found in all five dictionaries; the number following each non-starred word indicates the number of dictionaries having the British variant.

*aeroplane	*behaviour
*aluminium	*candour
amortise (3)	carburettor (4)
analyse (4)	*centre
*annexe (noun)	*cheque
*arbour	civilise (3)
*ardour	*clamour
*armour	*clangour

⁹"The American abolition of *-our* in such words as *honour* and *favour* has probably retarded rather than quickened British progress in the same direction. Our first notification that the book we are reading is not English but American is often, nowadays, the sight of an *-or*. 'Yankee' we say, and congratulate ourselves on spelling like gentlemen; we wisely decline to regard it as a matter for argument. The English way cannot but be better than the American way; that is enough" (H.W. Fowler, *Modern English Usage*, Second Edition, p. 428).

¹⁰As noted above in the examination of doubled consonants, RH uses the label more frequently than the other dictionaries. This tendency is particularly noticeable with the *-ize/-ise* verbs. The reference list contains only a few words—*criticise*, *sterilise*, *utilise*—on which there is general agreement. The list would be unmanageably long had it included all of the *-ise* variants found only in RH. In the "A" section, for instance, RH has entries for 36 *-ise* verbs, ranging from *acclimatise* to *azotize*. In addition to the "Also, esp. Brit." plus the *-ise* spelling at the end of most of the *-ise* entries, RH has, for every one of the 36 verbs, a separate bold-face entry for the *-ise* spelling, the spelling labeled British and the definition consisting merely of the *-ize* form. An examination of the "A" sections of the other dictionaries reveals that NC and AH have none of these *-ise* variants, NW gives only *amortise*, and SC gives (but not in separate entries) *amortise*, *Anglicise*, *archaise*, *arterialise*, *atomise*, and *attitudinise*. *The Concise Oxford* has no entries for nine of the verbs found in RH, for four it gives only the *-ize* spelling, and for the others it gives the two forms, in every case with the *-ize* spelling in first position.

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*colour	*metre
*connexion	misdemeanour (4)
criticise (3)	mouldy (4)
cyder (4)	*neighbour
deflexion (4)	*odour
demeanour (4)	*pyjamas
*dolour	*parlour
*draught	*rancour
*enamoured	reconnoitre (4)
endeavour (4)	*rigour
*favour	*rumour
*fervour	*sceptre
*flavour	*splendour
*fount (in printing)	sterilise (3)
*gaol	*succour
gnuflexion (4)	*tyre
*harbour	tumour (4)
*honour	utilise (3)
*humour	*valour
*inflexion	*vapour
jemmy (4)	*vigour
jewellery (3)	*waggon
*kerb	whilst (4) ("Br. or Amer. Dial."
*labour	in the fifth)

Two other listings might be of interest here. The following secondary spellings are found in all five dictionaries. Four of the dictionaries label them British; the one dictionary that attaches no qualifying label to the variant is given in parentheses following the word:

defence (NC)	plough (NC)
liquorice (RH)	pretence (NC)
litre (NC)	programme (NC)
lustre (NC)	reflexion (SC)
manoeuvre (RH)	savour (NC)
medallist (NC)	sepulchre (NC)
mitre (NC)	serjeant (NC)
mould (NC)	spectre (NC)
moult (NC)	storey (of a building) (NC)

The reference list contains so many variants to which only one dictionary attaches the British label that extracting all of them and listing them here would be cumbersome. For illustrative purposes, here are a few. For all of these, four dictionaries give the spelling as an unqualified variant; the dictionary that uses the British label is identified:

acknowledgement (RH)	judgement (RH)	skilful (SC)
axe (SC)	laissez-faire (NC)	smoulder (NW)
disc (SC)	ochre (SC)	spelt (NC)
enrol (SC)	oesophagus (NW)	spirt (AH)
faggot (RH)	omelette (SC)	wainscotting (RH)
floatation (RH)	pastellist (RH)	wigeon (AH)
fulfil (SC)	quartette (RH)	wilful (SC)
instal (SC)	sceptic (NW)	

Other national labels

Another qualification occasionally found with a variant spelling, certainly one which should not be considered a serious restriction on its use, indicates a national preference other than British. The spelling *cañon*, an unqualified variant for *canyon* in three dictionaries, is identified as Spanish in AH and NW. One dictionary (SC) indicates that the following spellings are chiefly U.S.: *cigaret*, *glamor*, *handcraft*, *sirup*, and *wooly*. And although four dictionaries place *froe* in first position and offer *frow* as a variant, RH makes *frow* the first entry and characterizes *froe* as "chiefly U.S."

Certain uses of the designation "French" with some spellings result in a few dictionary entries that could conceivably lead to arguments concerning the appropriate form to be used in the writing of a native-born United States student.

- ambience*: first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
- ambiance*: first entry in AH, NW; unqualified in NC, RH; French in SC
- hors d'oeuvres* (plural): first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in RH (SC notes that *hors d'oeuvre* is "both singular and plural in French. An English plural, *hors d'oeuvres*, is also seen.")
- hors d'oeuvre*: first entry in RH, SC; unqualified in AH, NC; French in NW
- intransigent*: first entry in all
- intransigent*: unqualified in AH, NC, RH; French in SC
- naïve*: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
- naïve*: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- naïf*: unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; "French, masculine form" in SC
- naïf*: unqualified in AH, NW, RH; "French, masculine form" in SC

Restrictive labels with variants

When our modern desk dictionaries are compared, two problems of interpretation arise: the use of a variant spelling for one meaning of a word but not for other meanings, and the use of a qualifying label with a negative force, a label which could raise doubts about the acceptability of a variant form. The first problem is complicated by the lack of uniform practice among the dictionaries in the recording of variants. An understanding of the cross references to a secondary or even tertiary definition for a word demands sometimes a patient and perceptive reading of definitions and careful attention to often inconspicuous superior numbers. Good examples from the reference list showing this difficulty of interpretation are the entries for *kola/cola*, *sanatorium/sanitarium*.

A user of NC may occasionally encounter an entry for a variant which leaves him with some unanswered questions. Here are two examples, reproduced in their entirety, for spellings not found in any of the other four dictionaries:

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leach /lɛtʃ/ var of leech
nett Brit var of net

The questions such entries give rise to are obvious. On the authority of NC may one write *leach* for any meaning of *leech*, for which NC has one noun entry with three numbered definitions, one verb entry with two definitions, and another noun entry with two definitions? And are we to understand that in British writing we might find *nett* used for all of the five separate entries for *net*? *The Concise Oxford* offers no enlightenment, since *nett* is not found in it.

The second problem of interpretation, the use of qualifying labels with certain spellings, could surely cause arguments between teachers and student writers, particularly on the not infrequent occasion when some dictionaries use a negative label with a spelling when others give the variant with no qualification.

The qualifying tags range from such neutral—and rather fuzzy—designations as “informal,” “sometimes,” “literary,” and “poetic,” to more explicit condemnations like “rare(ly),” “archaic,” “dialect,” “obsolete,” “nonstandard,” and “erroneous spelling of.”

Interesting clusters of qualifications are found with shortened or clipped forms of some everyday words:

all right: first entry in all
alright: “a common misspelling” in AH; “a disputed spelling” in NW; unqualified in NC; nonstandard in RH; “a spelling not yet considered acceptable” in SC
thorough: first entry in all
thoro: nonstandard in NC; clipped form in NW; informal in RH; rare in SC
though: first entry in all
tho: informal in AH, RH; “var of though” in NC; clipped form in NW; “also spelled” in SC
tho’: clipped form in NW; informal in RH
through: first entry in all
thru: informal in AH, RH; “var of through” in NC; “shortened spelling” in NW; “also spelled” in SC
thro: archaic in NC, NW, RH; “also spelled” in SC
thro’: archaic in NW, RH; “also” in SC [included in the thro entry]

By way of conclusion, it might be helpful to list here a few spellings which might cause some uneasiness for a user who discovers a form given in one dictionary as an unqualified variant and given in another with a restrictive label attached:

ambassador: first entry in all
embassador: unqualified in NW; “archaic” in RH, SC
appraise: first entry in all
apprize: unqualified in NW, SC; “obsolete” in RH
carcass: first entry in all
carcase: unqualified in RH, SC; British in NC, NW; “archaic” in AH

choreography: first entry in all
 choreography: unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH; "rarely" in NW
 clarinet: first entry in all
 clarinet: unqualified in RH; "rare" in AH, SC; "archaic" in NW
 entreat: first entry in all
 intreat: unqualified in AH, SC; "archaic" in NC, NW, RH
 frenzy: first entry in all
 phrensy: unqualified in AH, NC, RH; "rare" in SC; "earlier spelling" in NW
 gullible: first entry in all
 gullable: unqualified in NC, RH; "rare" in NW
 Hindu: first entry in all
 Hindoo: unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; "archaic" in AH
 hoofs: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 hooves: first entry in NC; unqualified variant in AH, RH, SC; "rarely" in NW
 lackey: first entry in all
 Jacquey: unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "obsolete" in NW
 mayhem: first entry in all
 maihem: unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "earlier form" in NW
 memento: first entry in all
 momento: unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of *memento*" in NW
 minuscule: first entry in all
 miniscule: unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of *minuscule*" in NW
 purl (knitting term): first entry in all
 pearl: unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "obsolete" in NW
 soigné: first entry in all
 soignée: unqualified in NC, RH; "Feminine" in AH, NW
 sovereign: first entry in all
 sovrain: unqualified in NC; "poetic" in AH, SC; "literary" in RH; "rare" in NW
 subtle: first entry in all
 subtile: unqualified in AH, NC, SC; "archaic" in RH; "rare" in NW
 surprise (verb): first entry in all
 surprize: unqualified in NC; "rare" in AH, SC
 unawares (adv): first entry in all
 unaware: unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; "archaic" in SC
 vitamin: first entry in all
 vitamine: unqualified in RH, SC; "rare" in AH
 woeful: first entry in all
 woful: unqualified in AH, NC, RH; "archaic" in NW, SC

REFERENCE LIST

In the selection of the words to be included in the reference list, certain matters and procedures had to be determined quite arbitrarily. The basic intent, admittedly a very flexible guide, has been to provide a list including those fairly common words assumed to be in the active vocabulary of most adults, which the dictionaries offer as variants or secondary spellings, and which, consequently, could lead to questions in the mind of student or teacher concerning the propriety of and authority for certain spellings. Some other words of more limited occurrence have also been included, the justification being that serious observers of present-day English usages are interested in examples of language trends and in the methods lexicographers use to record spelling choices. The list would become unmanageably long if it included the hundreds of variants for highly technical terms, geographical proper nouns, unusual foreign terms, and rarely used words, interesting though many of these dictionary entries are—such bits of information, for instance, as the fact that the item defined as “a scarf wrapped around the crown of a sun helmet” may be spelled *puggree* (first entry in AH, NW; variant in NC, RH, SC); *pugree* (first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH); *puggaree* (first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC); *pugaree* (variant in AH, NC, NW, RH); or *puggry* (variant in SC).

Similarly, space could not be given to most paired words which are names for essentially the same things or concepts but which have taken on distinct identities even though some of the dictionaries often set up such entries in a manner that might suggest that the words are alternate spellings; e.g., “*marzipan* . . . also called *marchpane*.” However, the list does include a few pairs of words (*drought/drouth*; *transvestism/transvestitism*) which, in spite of the clear distinction between their spoken forms, could possibly be thought of as spelling choices when written.

A second problem has been that of interpreting the dictionary recording of variants, a problem complicated by the lack of uniform

practice among the dictionaries. In general, six patterns are found. A given dictionary may explain in its prefatory material that one pattern means that the words are used interchangeably or nearly so, whereas another pattern means that the variant is less commonly encountered (the distinction in NC between entries joined by *or* and those joined by *also*, for instance). But in this list degrees of preference are not noted. True, the list does show that for many pairs of words the dictionaries have not agreed on which one should be placed in the first position. But to go beyond this and attempt to record varying degrees of occurrence or preference would so complicate the material as to discourage its use as a record of those spellings which the dictionaries present, with or without qualifications, as variants.

In the reference list an entry will have a part-of-speech designation when that information is pertinent. Similarly, a definition is given for certain entries when it is necessary to note that a variant may be authorized for one meaning but not for another. Thus *banneret*, defined as "a small banner," carries the variant *banmerette* in all five dictionaries. The definition is needed because none of the dictionaries show the variant for another meaning for *banneret*. "a knight . . . entitled to lead vassals under his own banner."

Words have been included in this list if they are found in one or more of the five dictionaries under the following patterns:

- (1) Two words are found together in heavy type at the head of the entry.

cutlass, cutlas (NW)
cutlass, also cutlas (NC)

- (2) The second spelling is found, usually in distinctive type, at the end of the entry. The dictionaries use various methods of indicating whether a variant entered this way applies to all of the meanings of the main entry or to only certain of the meanings.

dishabille . . . Also, deshabelle (RH)
cipher . . . Also spelled cypher (SC)

- (3) Plurals of nouns, principal parts of verbs, and comparative and superlative forms of adjectives are found in their normal position following the main entry.

cargo . . . pl. -gos, -gos (RH)
travel . . . -eled or -elled; -eling or -elling (NC)
cruel . . . crueller or -eller, cruelest or -ellest (SC)

- (4) A second spelling, although sometimes not noted with the main entry, will be found in its alphabetical position and explained in such a way that it clearly has the sole function of serving as a variant for the main entry.

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despatch . . . var of dispatch (NC)
inclose . . . same as enclose (NW)
blameable . . . blamable (RH)

(5) Undefined derived forms are entered side by side, usually at the end of the entry for the base word.

ignite . . . -ignitable, ignitable adj. -igniter, ignitor n. (All)
smoke . . . -smokable, smokeable adj. (NW)
trimester . . . -trimestral, trimestrial adj. (RH)

(6) A word may be a variant for one word and also be the main entry for other meanings. For instance, NW has an entry for *revue* ("a type of musical show") with no variant indicated. But the entry for *review*, which has nine numbered definitions for the noun, includes the following: "8. same as REVUE."

The words presented in this list have been studied to determine the number of dictionaries giving the variant, the preference given one spelling over the other, and the qualifying restrictions, if any, placed upon the variant. For nearly all of the words it has not been difficult to decide which form a dictionary considers the more common spelling and which the variant. In those cases in which a dictionary gives both spellings separate entries in alphabetical position, the form which is used to define the other, and which nearly always turns out to be the form carrying the more extensive grammatical and etymological information and definitions, is assumed to be the first or main entry.

If any information that can be interpreted as a qualification restricting the use of a variant is given, that information follows the variant entry. Slang and colloquial designations have been disregarded as having no bearing on the problem of spelling, and the occasionally encountered "sometimes" or "sometimes spelled" has not been interpreted as a restrictive qualification. But such labels as *British*, *U.S.*, *dialectic*, *provincial*, *rare*, *archaic*, *less correctly*, and *erroneously* have been noted after the variant entry.

How to Use the Reference List

In the list that follows, there are three possible arrangements for the words.

1. When there is no disagreement among dictionaries as to which is the first entry and which is the variant, the first entry is flush with the left margin, and the variant or variants follow on the same line.

curtsy first entry in all; curtsey variant in all
riposte first entry in all; ripost variant in All, NW, RH, SC
pilaf first entry in all; pitau variant in all; pilaff variant in All, NC, NW, SC;
pilaw variant in All, NW, SC
curvy first entry in NC, NW, RH; curvey variant in RH

II. When the dictionaries do not agree on which is the first entry and which the variant, or on the use of a qualifying label, the spelling in first position in most of the dictionaries is on the left margin and other spellings are indented on the line below.

eyeing first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
eying first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

ampul first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
ampule first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
ampoule first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

Additional spellings which no dictionary places in first position normally do not occupy separate lines.

borscht first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC
borsch first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **borsht** variant in AH, NW, RH

A second spelling is placed on an indented second line whenever there is lack of agreement on the use of a restrictive label.

distill first entry in all
distil unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC
ambience first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
ambiance first entry in AH, NW; unqualified in NC, RH; French in SC
purl (knitting term) first entry in all
pearl unqualified in AH, RH, SC; obsolete in NW

III. A few of the items in the list are set up on two lines, both on the left margin, to show that a first entry/variant status cannot be determined. This situation develops with fairly uncommon words for which only two or four dictionaries have entries.

black marketeer first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC
black marketer first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH
Peperoni first entry in RH; variant in NW
pepperoni first entry in NW; variant in RH

Key to Abbreviations

- AH: *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* (1973)
NC: *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, Eighth Edition (1973)
NW: *Webster's New World Dictionary*, Second College Edition (1970)
RH: *The Random House College Dictionary* (1972)
SC: *Standard College Dictionary*, Text Edition (1968)

A

- abettor** first entry in all; **abetter** variant in all
- abridgable** first entry in NW, RH, SC
abridgeable unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
- abridgment** first entry in all
abridgement unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- absinthe** first entry in all; **absinth** variant in all
- absorbent** first entry in all; **absorbant** variant in NC
- abstracter** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
abstractor first entry in NC
- a cappella** first entry in all; **a capella** variant in NC
- accessory** first entry in all
accessary unqualified for noun and adj in NW, and for noun only in AH, NC;
 restricted to two legal uses in RH; usage note in SC: "Accessory is now the
 commoner form, in both general and legal usage"
- accidentally** first entry in all; **accidently** variant in NC
- accompanist** first entry in all; **accompanyist** variant in NW, RH, SC
- accouter** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
accoutre first entry in NC; unqualified in NW; British in AH, RH, SC
- accouterment** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
accoutrement first entry in NC; unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- accursed** first entry in all; **accurst** variant in all
- acknowledgment** first entry in all
acknowledgement unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- acronical** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **acronyca** variant in NW, RH, SC; **acronychal**
 variant in NW, SC
- adapter** first entry in all; **adaptor** variant in all
- addable** first entry in all; **addible** variant in all
- addresser** first entry in all; **addressor** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- adduceable** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
adducible first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- adjurer** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **adjuror** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- adjuster** first entry in all; **adjustor** variant in all
- admittable** first entry in RH; **admittible** variant in RH
- advertise** first entry in all; **advertize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- adviser** first entry in all; **advisor** variant in all

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- adz** first entry in all; **adze** variant in all
- aegis** first entry in all; **egis** variant in all
- aeolian** (pertaining to or caused by the wind) first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
eolian first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
- aerie** first entry in all; **aery** variant in all; **eyrie** variant in all; **eyry** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- Aesculapian** first entry in all; **Esculapian** variant in RH, SC
- aesthete** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
eathete first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- aesthetic** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
esthetic first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- afeard** first entry in all; **afeared** variant in all
- affair** (a romantic attachment; a scandal) first entry in all
affaire unqualified in NC, NW; French in SC
- aficionado** first entry in all; **afficionado** variant in NC
- afreet** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
afrit first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- Afrikaner** (breed of cattle) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC
Africander first entry in NC; variant in RH
- Afrikaner** (So. African of European descent) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
Afrikander first entry in RH; variant in AH, SC; "earlier form" in NW
- afterward** first entry in all; **afterwards** variant in all
- aga** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **agha** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- aging** first entry in all
ageing unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC
- aglet** first entry in all; **siglet** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- à gogo** first entry in AH, RH
a go-go first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH
a-go-go first entry in NC; **a go-go** variant in NW; **au gogo** variant in RH
- agouti** first entry in all; **agouty** variant in AH, NW, SC
- agriculturist** (1. an expert in agriculture; 2. a farmer) first entry in all
agriculturalist variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, RH, and for 2 only in NW, SC
- aide-de-camp** first entry in all
aid-de-camp unqualified in NW; U.S. in RH, SC
- aigrette** first entry in all; **aigret** variant in AH, NW, SC
- airplane** first entry in all; **aeroplane** British in all
- albacore** first entry in all; **albicore** variant in SC

- alchemy** first entry in all; **alchymy** variant in SC
- alidade** first entry in all; **alidad** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- alienor** first entry in all; **aliener** variant in RH, SC
- align** first entry in all; **aline** variant in all
- alkalis** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
alkalies first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- all-around** (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
all-round first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **all round** variant in RH
- allergen** first entry in all; **allergin** variant in SC
- all right** first entry in all
alright unqualified in NC; "a common misspelling" in AH; "a disputed spelling" in NW; nonstandard in RH; "a spelling not yet considered acceptable" in SC
- almoner** first entry in all; **almner** variant in SC
- alpenhorn** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **alphorn** variant in NW, RH, SC
- althea** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
althaea first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- although** first entry in all
altho unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "now sometimes spelled" in NW
- aluminum** first entry in all; **aluminium** British in all
- amah** first entry in all; **ama** variant in AH, SC
- amalgamator** first entry in all; **amalgamater** variant in SC
- ambassador** first entry in all
embassador unqualified in NW; archaic in RH, SC
- ambience** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
ambiance first entry in AH, NW; unqualified in NC, RH; French in SC
- amid** first entry in all; **amidst** variant in all
- amidships** (adv) first entry in all; **midships** variant in all; **amidship** variant in AH, NW, RH
- amnesiac** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
amnesic first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- amoeba** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
ameba first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- among** first entry in all; **amongst** variant in all
- amortize** first entry in all; **amortise** British in NW, RH, SC
- amphibian** (an airplane constructed to rise from and alight on either land or water) first entry in all; **amphibion** variant in SC
- amphitheater** first entry in all
amphitheatre unqualified in NW, RH; British in AH, SC

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ampul first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
ampule first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
ampoule first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

amtrac (military vehicle for land or water) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **amtrack** variant in AH, NC, RH

amuck (e.g., "to run amuck") first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
amok first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

analogue first entry in all; **analog** variant in all

analyze first entry in all; **analyse** British in NC, NW, RH, SC

anapest first entry in all; **anapaest** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

anchorite first entry in all; **anchoret** variant in all

anecdotalist first entry in all; **anecdotalist** variant in NC, RH

anemia first entry in all; **anaemia** variant in all

anesthesia first entry in all; **anaesthesia** variant in all

aneurysm first entry in all; **aneurism** variant in all

Anglophile first entry in all; **Anglophil** variant in AH, RH, SC

aniline first entry in all; **anilin** variant in AH, RH, SC

animator first entry in all; **animater** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

annex (noun) first entry in all; **annexe** British in all

anomie first entry in all; **anomy** variant in AH, NC, NW

anted (past tense, past part.) first entry in all; **anteed** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

antigen first entry in all; **antigene** variant in AH, SC

antimasque first entry in NW, RH, SC; **antimask** variant in NW, RH, SC

antitoxin first entry in all; **antitoxine** variant in RH, SC

apologue first entry in all; **apolog** variant in SC

apothegm first entry in all; **apophthegm** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

appall first entry in all
appal unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in SC

appanage first entry in all; **apanage** variant in all

appareled, -ling first entry in all
apparelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

appendant first entry in all; **appendent** variant in NW, RH, SC

appraise first entry in all; **apprise** variant in NW, SC
apprize unqualified in NW, SC; obsolete in RH

apprise first entry in all; **apprize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

- aquavit** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
akvavit first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC
- aquiculture** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
aquaculture first entry in NW; variant in NC
- arabesque** first entry in all; arabesk variant in SC
- arbalest** first entry in all; arbalist variant in all
- arbor** first entry in all; arbour British in all
- arced**, -cing first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **arcked**, -cking variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- archaeology** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
archeology first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- archipelagoes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
archipelagos first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- ardor** first entry in all; **ardour** British in all
- argyle** (knitting pattern; sock) first entry in all; **argyll** variant in AH, NC
- Aristotelian** (adj) first entry in all; Aristotelean variant in AH, NC, SC
- armfuls** first entry in all; **armsful** variant in NC
- armor** first entry in all; **armour** British in all
- arrestor** first entry in all; **arrestor** variant in NC, NW
- arrivederci** first entry in NW, RH
a rivederci first entry in SC; variant in RH; "older form of" in NW
- artifact** first entry in all; **artefact** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- Aryan** first entry in all; **Arian** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- asafetida** first entry in all; **asafoetida** variant in all; **assafetida** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **assafoetida** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- asbestos** first entry in all; **asbestus** variant in all
- ascendable** first entry in all; **ascendible** variant in all
- ascendance** first entry in all; **ascendence** variant in all
- ascendant** first entry in all; **ascendent** variant in all
- ashlar** first entry in all; **ashler** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- askance** first entry in all
askant unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; archaic or poetic in NW
- asperser** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **aspersor** variant in AH, SC
- assenter** first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC
assentor first entry in NC; variant in AH, RH
 (First entry/variant status cannot be determined in SC, which has a text entry for assentor and includes assenter as an undefined derived form in the verb entry)

34 assertable / aye

assertable first entry in AH, SC
 assertible first entry in RH; variant in AH, SC
 asserter first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; assertor variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
 assigner first entry in all
 assignor unqualified in NC; legal sense in AH, NW, RH, SC
 assurer first entry in all; assuror variant in NC, RH
 astrakhan first entry in all; astrachan variant in all
 athenaeum first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
 atheneum first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
 atonable first entry in AH, RH, SC; atoneable variant in AH, RH, SC
 atropine first entry in all; atropin variant in AH, NW, SC
 attar first entry in all; otto variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; ottar variant in AH, RH, SC
 attester first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; attestor variant in AH, NW, RH
 attorneys general first entry in all; attorney generals variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
 attractor first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
 attractor first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
 attributer first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; attributor variant in AH, RH, SC
 aught first entry in all; ought variant in all
 augmenter first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; augmentor variant in NC, RH
 auntie first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; aunty variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
 aureole first entry in all; aureola variant in all
 autarky first entry in all; autarchy variant in all
 autoerotism first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
 autoeroticism first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
 autogyro first entry in all; autogyro variant in all
 avertible first entry in AH, RH, SC; avertable variant in AH, RH, SC
 avocados first entry in all; avocados variant in NC
 avocet first entry in all; avoset variant in RH, SC
 awing (pres. part.) first entry in all; aweing variant in AH, SC
 aweless first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 awless first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC
 ax first entry in all
 axe unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
 axman first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; axeman variant in SC
 aye first entry in all; ay variant in all

B

- babu** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
baboo first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH
- baby's-breath** (herb with small flowers) first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
baby's breath first entry in NC, NW
babies'-breath first entry in RH; variant in AH, SC; **babies' breath** variant in NW
- baccarat** first entry in all; **baccara** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- bach** (to live alone and keep house) first entry in all; **batch** variant in AH, NC, NW
- backhand** (adv) first entry in all; **backhanded** variant in NC
- backstairs** (adj) first entry in all; **backstair** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- backward** (adv) first entry in all; **backwards** variant in all
- backwoods** (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **backwood** variant in NW, RH, SC
- baddie** first entry in NC; **baddy** variant in NC
- bagfuls** first entry in AH, NW, RH; **bagsful** variant in AH
 (Although NC7 has "bagfuls also bagsful" for the plural, NC8 shows no plural for bagful)
- baguette** first entry in all; **baguet** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- ba!l** (to remove water, as from a boat) first entry in all; **bale** variant in RH
- baklava** (Middle Eastern pastry) first entry in AH, NW, RH; **baklawa** variant in RH
- baksheesh** first entry in all; **bakshish** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **backsheesh** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **backshish** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- balk** first entry in all
bulk unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in NC
- baloney** (nonsense) first entry in all; **boloney** variant in all
- bandanna** first entry in all; **bandana** variant in all
- banderole** first entry in all; **banderol** variant in all; **bannerol** variant in AH, NC, NW;
bannerole variant in SC; **banner roll** variant in NC
- bandoleer** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
bandolier first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- banister** first entry in all; **bannister** variant in all
- banjos** first entry in all; **banjoes** variant in all
- banneret** (small banner) first entry in all; **bannerette** variant in all
- banns** first entry in all; **bans** variant in AH, RH, SC
- banshee** first entry in all; **banshie** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- banyan** first entry in all; **banian** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- baptistery** first entry in all; **baptistry** variant in all
- barbed wire** first entry in all; **barbwire** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

36 barcarole / beldam

- barcarole** first entry in all; **barcarolle** variant in all
- bareback** first entry in all; **barebacked** variant for adj and adv in NC, RH, and for adj only in AH, SC
- barefoot** first entry in all; **barefooted** variant for adj and adv in NC, RH, and for adj only in AH, NW, SC
- bareknuckle** first entry in NC, RH; **bareknuckled** variant in NC, RH
- baritone** first entry in all; **barytone** variant in all
- bark** (sailing vessel) first entry in all; **barque** variant in all
- barkentine** first entry in all; **barquentine** variant in all; **barkantine** variant in RH; **barquantine** variant in RH
- bar mitzvah** first entry in all; **bar mizvah** variant in AH, NW; **bar mitsvah** variant in RH
- barracuda** first entry in all; **barracouta** variant in NC
- barranca** first entry in all; **barranco** variant in NC, NW
- barrator** first entry in all; **barrater** variant in all; **barretor** variant in RH
- barratry** first entry in all; **barretry** variant in NW, RH, SC
- barreled**, -ling first entry in all
barrelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- barrelfuls** first entry in NC, RH, SC; **barrelsful** variant in NC
- bastille** first entry in all; **bastile** variant in all
- bateau** first entry in all; **batteau** variant in NC, RH
- batik** first entry in all; **battik** variant in AH, NW, SC
- battle-ax** first entry in all; **battle-axe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- battles royal** first entry in AH, NC, NW; **battle royals** variant in NC
- bayoneted**, -ting first entry in all; **bayonetted**, -ting variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- bazaar** first entry in all; **bazar** variant in AH, RH, SC
- bedeviled**, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
bedevilled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- Bedouin** first entry in all; **Beduin** variant in AH, RH, SC
- bedward** (adv) first entry in NW, SC; **bedwards** variant in NW, SC
- beeves** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
beefs first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC (All five specify **beefs** as the only plural for the meaning "complaints")
- begorra** first entry in NC, RH; **begorah** variant in RH; **begorrah** variant in RH
- behavior** first entry in all; **behaviour** British in all
- beboove** first entry in all
bebove unqualified in NC; British in NW, RH, SC
- beldam** first entry in all; **beldame** variant in all

- benedict** first entry in all; **benedick** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- benefited**, -ting first entry in all; **benefitted**, -tting variant in NC, RH
- benzine** first entry in all; **benzin** variant in AH, RH, SC
- berm** (ledge at the side of a moat) first entry in all; **berme** variant in all
- bestrew** first entry in all; **bestrow** variant in SC
- bettor** (one who bets) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
better first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- beveled**, -ling first entry in all
bevelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- bhang** (Indian hemp, hashish) first entry in all; **bang** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- biased**, -sing first entry in all
biassed, -asing unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- biaxial** first entry in all; **biaxal** variant in SC
- bibliophile** first entry in all; **bibliophil** variant in AH, NW, SC
- bimetalism** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
bimetalism first entry in SC
- biretta** first entry in all; **berretta** variant in AH, NW, SC; **birretta** variant in AH;
beretta variant in AH
- bisque** (soup, ice cream) first entry in all; **bisk** variant in RH
- bitable** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **biteable** variant in AH, RH, SC
- black marketeer** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC
- black marketer** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH
- blamable** first entry in all; **blameable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- blather** first entry in all; **blether** variant in all; **blither** (verb only) variant in NC
- blear-eyed** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH
bleary-eyed first entry in AH, NW; variant in RH, SC; **bleareyed** variant in NW
- blessed** first entry in all; **blest** variant in all
- blimey** (British slang) first entry in NW, RH; **blimy** variant in RH
- blindman's buff** first entry in all; **blindman's bluff** variant in NW, RH
- blintze** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH
blintz first entry in AH, NW; variant in NC, RH, SC
- blond** (adj. noun) first entry in all; **blonde** variant in all
(In NC, for adj and noun, and in NW, for adj only, no spelling distinction is made on a masculine/feminine basis. All the other dictionaries make a distinction such as that in a usage note in AH: "Blond and brunet, as adjectives, may be used of both sexes. As nouns, they are usually restricted to males. Blonde and brunette, as nouns and adjectives, are used only of females.")
- blooey** (e.g., "go blooey") first entry in NW; **blooie** variant in NW

38 **blowzy / boulder**

blowzy first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

blowsy first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH; **blowzed** variant in RH, SC;
 blowzed variant in RH; **blowsy** variant in RH

bluing first entry in all; **blueing** variant in all

bluish first entry in all; **blueish** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

boatman first entry in all; **boatsman** variant in RH

boatswain first entry in all; **bosun** variant in all; **bo's'n** variant in all; **bos'n** variant in NC; **bo'sun** variant in NC

bobby pin first entry in all; **bobbie pin** variant in SC

bobby socks first entry in all; **bobby sox** variant in AH, NC, NW

bogey (one over par in golf) first entry in all; **bogie** variant in NC, SC; **bogy** variant in NC

bogeyman first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH

boogeyman first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC

bogyman first entry in NW; variant in AH

boogieman first entry in AH; variant in RH; **boogerman** variant in NC, RH;

boogyman variant in AH

bogy (goblin, evil spirit) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

bogey first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **bogie** variant in all

bollix (to bungle, botch) first entry in all; **bollox** variant in AH, RH

bologna first entry in all

baloney unqualified in NC, NW, SC; informal in AH, RH; **boloney** unqualified in SC; informal in AH, RH

bombazine first entry in all; **bombasine** variant in AH, RH, SC; **bombazeen** variant in RH

bongos (drums) first entry in all; **bongoes** variant in AH, NC, RH

bonhomie first entry in all; **bonhomme** variant in AH, NW, SC

bonny first entry in all; **bonnie** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

bons mots first entry in all; **bon mots** variant in NC

bonspiel first entry in all; **bonspell** variant in AH, SC

bons vivants first entry in all; **bon vivants** variant in NC

bony first entry in all; **boney** variant in NC

bootee first entry in all; **bootie** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

borscht first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC

borsch first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **borsht** variant in AH, NW, RH

boscage first entry in all; **boskage** variant in all

bougainvillea first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC

bougainvilleae first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

boulder first entry in all; **bowlder** variant in all

bourn first entry in all; **bourne** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
bouzouki first entry in NC, NW; **bousouki** variant in NC
Brahman (1. Indian caste member; 2. breed of cattle) first entry in all; **Brahmin** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, and for 1 only in NW, RH, SC
brand-new first entry in all; **bran-new** variant in AH, RH, SC
brant first entry in all
 brent unqualified in NC, NW, SC; **British** in AH, RH
brassie (type of golf club) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **brassy** variant in AH, RH, SC
bravadoes first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **bravados** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
bravoes (hired assassins, villains) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
bravos first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
brazier first entry in all; **brasier** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
breecloth first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 breecclout first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
brevetted, **-ting** first entry in all; **breveted**, **-ting** variant in all
briar (a pipe made from briarroot) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 brier first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW
briable first entry in all; **bribeable** variant in RH
brier (a prickly plant, a growth of such plants) first entry in all; **briar** variant in all
brimful first entry in all; **brimfull** variant in AH, RH
brinkmanship first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 brinksmanship first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW
briquette first entry in all; **briquet** variant in all
brisling (small sardinelike herring) first entry in all; **bristling** variant in NC
Britishism first entry in all; **Britishism** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
broadax first entry in all; **broadaxe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
broccoli first entry in all; **brocoli** variant in NC
brokerage first entry in all; **brokage** variant in SC
bromide (chemical compound) first entry in all; **bromid** variant in SC
bromine first entry in all; **bromin** variant in SC
bronco first entry in all; **broncho** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
brooch first entry in all; **broach** variant in AH, NC, NW
brunet (adj. noun) first entry in all; **brunette** variant in all
 (See entry above for **blond**)
brusque first entry in all; **brusk** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
buckaroo first entry in all; **buckeroo** variant in AH, NC; **buckayro** variant in SC

40 bucketfuls / bylaw

bucketfuls first entry in NC, NW, RH; **bucketsful** variant in NC

budgerigar first entry in all; **budgereegah** variant in RH; **budgerigah** variant in SC;
budgerygah variant in RH

budgeter first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
budgeteer first entry in NC

buffaloes first entry in all; **buffalos** variant in all

buhl first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
boulle first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH; **boule** variant in AH, NW, RH

bullyrag first entry in all; **ballyrag** variant in AH, NC, RH

bulrush first entry in all; **bullrush** variant in NC

bun first entry in all; **bunn** variant in RH, SC

bunco first entry in all; **bunko** variant in all

bunkum first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
buncombe first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH

bur (prickly seed case or flower) first entry in all; **burr** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

bur (cutting tool, dentist's drill) first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
burr first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC

burette first entry in all; **buret** variant in all

burgeon first entry in all; **boufgeon** variant in all

burnoose first entry in all; **burnous** variant in all

burr (guttural trill, any rough pronunciation) first entry in all; **bur** variant in AH, NC,
NW, SC

bused, -sing first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
bussed, -ssing first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

buses first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
busses first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

bushwa first entry in NW; **bushwah** variant in NW

buttinsky first entry in NC; **buttinski** variant in NC

button-down (adhering to conventional ideals, especially in behavior and dress) first
entry in NC; **buttoned-down** variant in NC

by the by first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
by the bye first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW; **bye the bye** variant in SC

bye (a player not paired in an early round) first entry in all; **by** variant in AH, NW,
RH, SC

bye-bye first entry in all; **by-by** variant in NC

by-election first entry in all; **hye-election** variant in AH, NC, RH

bylaw first entry in all; **byelaw** variant in NC, RH

C

- cabala** first entry in all; **cabbala** variant in all; **kabala** variant in all; **kabbala** variant in all; **cabbalah** variant in NC; **kabbalah** variant in NC
- cabby** (driver of a cab) first entry in all; **cabbie** variant in NC, NW, RH
- cacciatore** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **cacciatora** variant in RH
- caddie** first entry in all; **caddy** variant in all
- caesarean** (surgical operation) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in SC
cesarean first entry in NC, SC; variant in AH, NW, RH; **cesarian** variant in all;
caesarian variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- Caesarean** (pertaining to Caesar) first entry in all; **Caesarian** variant in all; **Cesarean** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **Cesarian** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- caesura** first entry in all; **cesura** variant in all
- caffeine** first entry in all; **caffein** variant in AH, NW, SC
- kaftan** first entry in all; **kaftan** variant in all
- cagey** first entry in all; **cagy** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- caiman** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
cayman first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- cairn** first entry in all; **earn** variant in RH
karn unqualified in AH; **British** in SC
- Cajun** first entry in all; **Cajan** variant in AH, NC, NW; **Caljan** variant in AH
- calcimine** first entry in all; **kalsomine** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- caldron** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
cauldron first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
- caliber** first entry in all
calibre unqualified in NC, NW; **British** in AH, RH, SC
- calibrator** first entry in all; **calibrater** variant in RH
- calicoes** first entry in all; **calicos** variant in all
- caliper** first entry in all; **calliper** variant in all
- caliph** first entry in all; **calif** variant in all; **khalif** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **kalif** variant in NW, RH, SC; **kaliph** variant in NW, SC; **khalifa** variant in RH
- calisthenics** first entry in all; **callisthenics** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- calk** (noun: device on shoe to prevent slipping; verb: to furnish with calks) first entry in all; **caulk** variant in NC
- calorie** first entry in all; **calory** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- calypso** first entry in NC, RH; **calypsoes** variant in NC
- camass** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
camas first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC; **quamash** variant in all

42 camellia / carotene

camellia first entry in all; **camelia** variant in NC

canalled, -ling first entry in all; **canaled**, -ling variant in all

canceled, -ling first entry in all

cancelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

canceler first entry in all

canceller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

cancellation first entry in all; **cancelation** variant in AH, NC, SC

candor first entry in all; **candour** British in all

canister first entry in all; **cannister** variant in NC

cannikin first entry in all; **canikin** variant in AH, RH, SC; **canakin** variant in RH

cantaloupe first entry in all; **cantaloup** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

cantilever first entry in all; **cantalever** variant in AH, RH, SC; **cantaliver** variant in AH, RH; **cantiliver** variant in SC

canvas (noun: cloth, sails) first entry in all; **canvass** variant in NC

canvass (verb) first entry in all; **canvas** variant in NC

canyon first entry in all; **cañon** unqualified in NC, RH, SC; Spanish in AH, NW

caracul (pelt or fur of a karakul lamb) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
karakul first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

caravansary first entry in all; **caravanserai** variant in all

caravel first entry in all; **carvel** variant in all; **caravelle** variant in AH, SC

carbonadoes (pieces of grilled meat scored before cooking) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
carbonados first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

carburetor first entry in all; **carburettor** British in AH, NW, RH, SC; **carburetter** British in SC

carcass first entry in all

carcase unqualified in RH, SC; British in NC, NW; archaic in AH

cardamom first entry in all; **cardamon** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **cardamum** variant in AH, RH, SC

cargoes first entry in all; **cargos** variant in all

cornelian first entry in all; **cornelian** variant in all

carry (one who works with a carnival) first entry in AH, NC, NW; **carney** variant in AH, NC, NW; **carnie** variant in NC, NW

caroled, -ling first entry in all

carolled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

carom first entry in all; **carrom** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

carotene first entry in all; **carotin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **carrotin** variant in AH, SC; **carrotene** variant in AH

- carousel** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
carrousel first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
- carrel** first entry in all; **carrell** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- cartography** first entry in all; **chartography** variant in NW, RH, SC
- casaba** first entry in all; **cassaba** variant in all
- Casbah** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
Kasbah first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- cashmere** first entry in all; **kashmir** variant in AH, RH, SC
- cassava** first entry in all; **casava** variant in AH, SC
- cassette** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **casette** variant in NC
- casino** (a card game) first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
casino first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
- caster** (for all meanings except "one who casts") first entry in all; **castor** variant in all
- catalo** (plural -oes or -os) first entry in AH, NW, SC
cattalo first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
- catalog** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC, both of which specify this form for library use
catalogue first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
- cataloger** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
cataloguer first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
- catavampus** first entry in AH; **cartywampus** variant in AH
- catchpole** first entry in all; **catchpoll** variant in all
- cater-cornered** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
catercorner first entry in NC; **kitty-cornered** variant in all; **catty-cornered** variant in all; **cater-corner** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **kitty-corner** variant in NC, NW, RH; **catty-corner** variant in NC, NW, RH
- catharsis** first entry in all; **katharsis** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- cathode** first entry in all; **kathode** variant in NW, RH, SC
- caucused**, -sing first entry in AH, NW, SC; **caucussed**, -ssing variant in AH, NW, SC
- caucuses** first entry in AH, RH; **caucusses** variant in AH
- caulk** (to make watertight) first entry in all; **calk** variant in all
- caviar** first entry in all; **caviare** variant in all
- caviled**, -ling first entry in all
cavilled, -lling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- caviler** first entry in all
caviller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- celesta** first entry in all; **celeste** variant in AH, NW
- cellaret** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
cellarette first entry in NC; variant in RH, SC

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Celt first entry in all; **Kelt** variant in all

center first entry in all; **centre** British in all

ceramic (adj) first entry in all; **keramic** variant in NW, SC

cesspool first entry in all; **sesspool** variant in SC

chagrined, -ning first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **chagrinned**, -nning variant in RH

chairmaned, -ning first entry in NC, NW, RH

chairmanned, -nning first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH

chaise longue first entry in all; **chaise lounge** variant in NW, RH
(AH: "Also mistakenly called 'chaise lounge' ")

chaise longues first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH

chaises longues unqualified in AH, NC, NW; French in RH

challis first entry in all; **challie** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **chally** variant in RH

chamois (soft pliable leather or cloth) first entry in all; **chammy** variant in all;
shammy variant in all; **shamois** variant in SC; **shamoY** variant in RH

chamomile first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

camomile first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

chancellery first entry in all; **chancelry** variant in SC; **chancellory** variant in NC

chancellor first entry in all; **chancelor** variant in SC

channeled, -ling first entry in all

channelled, -lling unqualified in NC, SC; British in AH, NW, RH

chanthey first entry in all; **chanty** variant in all; **shanty** variant in all; **shantey** variant in all

chanticleer first entry in all; **chantecler** variant in RH

chaperon first entry in all; **chaperone** variant in all

chapfallen first entry in all; **chopfallen** variant in all

chargeable first entry in all; **chargable** variant in RH

charisma first entry in all; **charism** variant in all

check (written order to a bank) first entry in all; **cheque** British in all

cheetah first entry in all; **chetah** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

cheroot first entry in all; **sheroot** variant in AH, SC

chiaroscuro first entry in all; **chiaro-oscuro** variant in AH, SC

chicory first entry in all; **chiccory** variant in AH, RH, SC

chiffonier first entry in all; **chiffonnier** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

chigger first entry in all; **jigger** variant in all

chili (pod of certain peppers) first entry in all; **chile** variant in all; **chilli** variant in all

- chili con carne first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
 chile con carne first entry in AH; variant in NW, RH
- chimera first entry in all; chimaera variant in all
- chintz first entry in all; chints variant in AH, SC
- chintzy (stingy, cheap, gaudy) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 chinchy first entry in RH
- chipmunk first entry in all; chipmuck variant in SC
- chippy (woman of easy morals) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; chippie variant in NW, RH
- chiseled, -ling first entry in all
 chiselled, -lling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- chiseler first entry in all
 chiseller unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
- chitterlings first entry in all; chitlings variant in all; chitlins variant in all
- chloride first entry in all; chlorid variant in SC
- chlorine first entry in all; chlorin variant in SC
- chlorophyll first entry in all; chlorophyl variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- chock-full first entry in all; chuck-full variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; choke-full variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- chocolaty first entry in NC, RH, SC; chocolatey variant in NC
- choky first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; chokey variant in NW, RH, SC
- choosy first entry in all; choosey variant in all
- chop suey first entry in all; chop sooy variant in RH
- chorale first entry in all; choral variant in all
- choreography first entry in all
 choregraphy unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH; rare in NW
- chorused, -sing first entry in AH, RH, SC; chorussed, -ssing variant in AH, SC
- christy (skiing: high-speed turn, Christiania) first entry in AH, SC (capitalized in SC);
 variant in NC, NW
 christie first entry in NC, NW
 (First entry/variant status cannot be determined in RH, since each word is entered in alphabetical position, defined "Christiania," and capitalized)
- chuck-a-luck first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; chuck-luck variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- chukker first entry in all; chukkar variant in all; chukka variant in NC
- chute first entry in all; shute variant in NC
- chutney first entry in all; chutnee variant in AH, NW, SC
- chutzpah first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC
 chutzpa first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW; hutzpah variant in NC, NW, SC;
 hutzpa variant in NC

46 **cider / coaimundi**

cider first entry in all; **cyder** British in AH, NC, NW, RH

cigarette first entry in all
cigaret unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC

cipher first entry in all
cypher unqualified in AH, SC; British in NC, NW, RH

circumventer first entry in AH, RH, SC; **circumventor** variant in AH, RH, SC

ciscoes first entry in all; **ciscos** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

citable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **citeable** variant in NW, RH, SC

clithra first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
kithara first entry in RH; variant in SC

clitified first entry in all; **cityfied** variant in NW, SC

citrus (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **citrous** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

cityward first entry in RH, SC; **citywards** variant in RH

civilize first entry in all; **civilise** British in NC, RH, SC

civvies first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
civies first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

clamor first entry in all; **clamour** British in all

clangor first entry in all; **clangour** British in all

clarinet first entry in all
clarionet unqualified in RH; rare in AH, SC; archaic in NW

clarinetist first entry in all; **clarinettist** variant in all

clerestory first entry in all; **clearstory** variant in all; **clerestorey** variant in SC

cliquey first entry in all; **cliquy** variant in all

cloistral first entry in all; **claustral** variant in all

closable first entry in NC, RH; **closeable** variant in NC, RH

cloture first entry in all; **closure** variant in all

clubbable first entry in all; **clubable** variant in all

clue (a hint) first entry in all
clew unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

cluing first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
clueing first entry in AH, NC

clump (to walk heavily) first entry in all; **clomp** variant in NW, RH

coastguardsman first entry in all; **coastguardman** variant in NC, NW

coastward (adv) first entry in all; **coastwards** variant in all

coaimundi first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
coaimondi first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW

- coaxial** (adj: having a common axis) first entry in all; **coaxal** variant in NW, RH, SC
- cocaine** first entry in all; **cocain** variant in AH, NW, SC
- cocoa butter** first entry in all; **cacao butter** variant in all
- coconut** first entry in all; **cocoanut** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- codeine** first entry in all; **codeia** variant in NW, RH, SC; **codein** variant in NW, SC; **codeina** variant in RH
- cola** (drink made from kola nut) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **kola** variant in NC, RH
- colander** first entry in all; **cullender** variant in all
- coliseum** (any large structure for public entertainment) first entry in all; **colosseum** variant in all
- collapsible** first entry in all; **collapsable** variant in AH, RH, SC
- collectible** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
collectable first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH
- collodion** first entry in all; **collodium** variant in AH, SC
- color** first entry in all; **colour** British in all
- coloratura** first entry in all; **colorature** variant in SC
- combated, -ting** first entry in all
combatted, -tting unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- comeuppance** first entry in all; **comeupance** variant in AH, SC
- Comintern** first entry in all; **Komintern** variant in RH, SC
- commandery** first entry in all; **commandry** variant in SC
- commandos** first entry in all; **commandoes** variant in all
- commie** first entry in all; **commy** variant in NW, RH
- compacter** first entry in AH; variant in NC
compactor first entry in NC
- complin** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
compline first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- comprise** first entry in all; **comprize** variant in RH
- concessionaire** first entry in all; **concessioner** variant in all
- conchy** (conscientious objector) first entry in NW, SC; **conchie** variant in NW
- concocter** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **concoctor** variant in AH, SC
- condemner** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **condemnor** variant in NC
- condensable** first entry in all; **condensible** variant in all
- condom** first entry in all; **cundum** variant in AH, SC

48 confectionery / coolly

- confectionery** (a place where confections are made) first entry in AH, NC, NW;
variant in RH
confectionary first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in SC. Each word is entered in
alphabetical position, **confectionery** defined "confectioner's shop" and
confectionary defined "place where confections are prepared")
- conferee** first entry in all; **conferree** variant in AH, RH, SC
- confessor** first entry in all; **confesser** variant in AH, RH, SC
- confinable** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **confineable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- conjurer** first entry in all; **conjuror** variant in all
- connectible** first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC
connectable first entry in NC; variant in AH, RH
- connection** first entry in all; **connexion** British in all
- connector** first entry in all; **connecter** variant in all
- connivance** first entry in all; **connivence** variant in AH, RH, SC
- consecrator** first entry in all; **consecrater** variant in RH
- consignor** first entry in all; **consigner** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- constituter** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **constitutor** variant in AH, RH, SC
- constructor** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
constructer first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH
- consuls general** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **consul generals** variant in NW
- consulter** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
consultor unqualified in SC (NC and NW have separate entries specifying this
spelling for an adviser to a R.C. bishop)
- contemner** first entry in all; **contemnor** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- contradictor** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
contradictor first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- converter** first entry in all; **convertor** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC for all meanings,
and in NC for all except "the furnace used in the Bessemer process"
- conveyer** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
conveyor first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC (All note that this is
the usual spelling for the meaning "a mechanical apparatus for the transporta-
tion of packages, bulk materials")
- convictable** first entry in RH; **convictible** variant in RH
- cony** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
coney first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- cookie** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
cooky first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **cookey** variant in AH, SC
- coolie** first entry in all; **cooly** variant in AH, RH, SC
- coolly** (adv) first entry in all; **cooly** variant in NC

- copacetic** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in SC
copesetic first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, RH; **copasetic** variant in AH, RH, SC; **copesettic** variant in AH, SC
- coquet** (verb) first entry in all; **coquette** variant in NC, NW, SC
- coquette** (noun) first entry in all; **coquet** variant in NC
- corbeling** (noun) first entry in all
corbelling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
- cornetist** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
cornettist first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- coroneted** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **coronetted** variant in NW, RH, SC
- corpuscle** first entry in all; **corpuscule** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- correctable** first entry in all; **correctible** variant in AH, RH, SC
- correlation** first entry in all
corelation unqualified in NW; British in AH, NC, RH; "sometimes" in SC
- corrupter** first entry in all; **corruptor** variant in all
- corselet** (type of undergarment) first entry in all; **corselette** variant in NC, NW, RH
- corvette** first entry in all; **corvet** variant in AH, RH, SC
- cotillion** first entry in all; **cotillon** variant in all
- councilor** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
councillor first entry in NC, RH; unqualified in AH; British in NW, SC
- counseled**, **-ling** first entry in all
counselled, **-lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- counselor** first entry in all
counsellor unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- countrified** first entry in all; **countryfied** variant in all
- courtesan** first entry in all; **courtezan** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- court-martialed**, **-ling** first entry in all
court-martialled, **-lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- courts-martial** first entry in all; **court-martials** variant in NC, NW, RH
- coxcomb** (fop, dandy) first entry in all; **cockscorn** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- coxswain** first entry in all; **cockswain** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- cozy** first entry in all; **cosy** variant in all; **cosey** variant in NW, SC; **cozey** variant in RH, SC; **cosie** variant in NW, SC; **cozie** variant in RH, SC
- crackerjack** first entry in all; **crackajack** variant in all
- crampon** first entry in all; **crampon** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- crape** (black fabric, symbol of mourning) first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
crepe first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC, NW, SC; **crêpe** variant in all

50 crapehanger / curlicue

- crapehanger first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in SC
 crepehanger first entry in SC; variant in RH
- crappie (small sunfish) first entry in all; croppie variant in NW
- crayfish first entry in all; crawfish variant in all
- crenelated first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 crenellated first entry in NC; unqualified in NW; British in AH, RH, SC
- crepe (soft thin fabric) first entry in all; crape variant in all; crêpe variant in all
- crepe (thin pancake) first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW
 crêpe first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH; crape variant in AH, NC
- crepuscule first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; crepuscle variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- crescendos first entry in all; crescendoes variant in NC
- criticize first entry in all; criticise British in NW, RH, SC
- critter first entry in all; crittur variant in NW, RH
- crozier first entry in all; crozier variant in all
- crueler, -lest first entry in AH, NC, SC; crueller, -lest variant in AH, NC, SC
- cruller first entry in all; kruller variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- crummy (cheap, inferior) first entry in all; crumby variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- crunch first entry in all
 craunch unqualified in NC, NW, RH; "rare" in SC; cranch variant in NC
- crystallize first entry in all; crystalize variant in AH, NC, SC
- cuckoo (crazy, silly) first entry in all; cocoo variant in NW
- cudgelled, -ling first entry in all
 cudgelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- cueing (pres. part.) first entry in all; cueing variant in NC, NW
- cul-de-sacs first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
 culs-de-sac first entry in NC, RH; French in NW, SC
- cumin first entry in all; cummin variant in AH, NW, SC
- cummerbund first entry in all; kummerbund variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- cuneiform first entry in all; cuniform variant in SC
- cupfuls first entry in all; cupsful variant in NC
- curaçao (the liqueur) first entry in all; curaçoa variant in all
- curare first entry in all; curari variant in all; urari variant in AH, RH, SC; curara
 variant in SC; urare variant in SC
- curb (edging of a street) first entry in all; kerb British in all
- curette (noun, verb) first entry in NC, RH, SC, and for noun only in AH; variant in
 NW
 curet first entry in NW; variant in NC, RH, and for noun only in AH
- curlicue first entry in all; curlycue variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

curry (noun: East Indian dish, condiment; verb: to season with curry powder) first entry in all; **currie** variant for noun and verb in RH, and for noun only in AH, NC

curtsy first entry in all; **curtsey** variant in all

curvaceous first entry in all; **curvacious** variant in NC, RH

curvy first entry in NC, NW, RH; **curvey** variant in RH

cut-and-dried (adj) first entry in all; **cut-and-dry** variant in NC

cutie first entry in all; **cutey** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

cutlass first entry in all; **cutlas** variant in all

cyanide first entry in all; **cyanid** variant in AH, RH, SC

cyclopedia first entry in all; **cyclopaedia** variant in all

czar first entry in all; **tsar** variant in all; **tzar** variant in all

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dadoes first entry in all; **dados** variant in RH

dagos first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **dagoes** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

damnedest first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

damndest first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

dandruff first entry in all; **dandriff** variant in RH

daredevilry first entry in all; **daredeviltry** variant in all

darky first entry in AH, RH, SC; **darkey** variant in AH, RH, SC; **darkie** variant in AH, RH, SC

darndest first entry in SC; **darnedest** variant in SC

dashiki first entry in NC; **daishiki** variant in NC

datable first entry in all; **dateable** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

deary first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **dearie** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

debonair first entry in all; **debonaire** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **debonnaire** variant in AH, RH, SC

Decalogue first entry in all; **Decalog** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

defense first entry in all;

defence unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

deferable first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **deferable** variant in RH

deflection first entry in all; **deflexion** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

defuse first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH

defuze first entry in RH

delft (a kind of earthenware) first entry in all; **delf** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

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demagogue first entry in all; **demagog** variant in all

demarcation first entry in all; **demarkation** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

demeanor first entry in all; **demeanour** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

dentin first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

dentine first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

dependence first entry in all; **dependance** variant in all

dependency first entry in all; **dependancy** variant in AH, RH, SC

dependent (noun) first entry in all; **dependant** variant in all

derringer first entry in all; **deringer** variant in AH, RH, SC

descendant (noun) first entry in all; **descendent** variant in NC

descendent (adj) first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

descendant first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

descendible first entry in all; **descendable** variant in AH, RH, SC

desecrater first entry in all; **desecrator** variant in all

desistance first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **desistence** variant in RH, SC

desolater first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW

desolator first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

desperadoes first entry in all; **desperados** variant in all

detectable first entry in all; **detectible** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

develop first entry in all; **develope** variant in AH, RH

development first entry in all; **developement** variant in RH

deviled, -ling first entry in all

devilled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

deviltry first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC

devilry first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, RH; British in SC

(NW excluded, since distinctions are made in the definitions. The entry for **deviltry** is "1. reckless mischief, fun, etc. 2. Same as **devilry**." The entry for **devilry** (labeled British) is "1. black magic, witchcraft 2. evil or diabolical behavior, great wickedness or cruelty 3. Same as **deviltry**")

dexterous first entry in all; **dextrous** variant in all

dhoti first entry in all; **dhooti** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **dhootie** variant in NC, RH; **dhuti** variant in RH

diagnosable first entry in NC, NW, RH; **diagnoseable** variant in NC

diagramed, -ming first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH

diagrammed, -miming first entry in AH; unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

dialed, -ling first entry in all

dialled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

- dialogue** first entry in all; **dialog** variant in all
- diarrhea** first entry in all; **diarrhoea** variant in all
- dickey** first entry in all; **dicky** variant in all; **dickie** variant in AH, NC
- didos** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
didoes first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- dieresis** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
diaeresis first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- dietitian** first entry in all; **dietician** variant in all
- diffuser** first entry in all; **diffusor** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- dike** first entry in all
dyke unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
- dilator** first entry in all; **dilater** variant in AH, RH, SC
- dilettantish** first entry in all; **dilertanteish** variant in RH, SC
- dilettantism** first entry in all; **dilettanteism** variant in NW, RH, SC
- diluter** first entry in AH, NC, NW; **dilutor** variant in NC, NW
- diminuendos** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **diminuendoes** variant in AH
- dinghy** first entry in all; **dingey** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **dingy** variant in AH, RH, SC; **dinky** variant in RH
- dinkey** (small locomotive) first entry in all; **dinky** variant in all
- discernible** first entry in all; **discernable** variant in NC, RH
- disc jockey** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
disk jockey first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
- discussible** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
discussable first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
- dishabille** first entry in all; **deshabille** variant in all
- disheveled, -ling** first entry in all
dishevelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- disk** first entry in all
disc unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
- dislikable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **dislikeable** variant in NC, NW, RH
- dislodgment** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
dislodgement unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH
- dispatch** first entry in all; **despatch** variant in all
- disrupter** first entry in all; **disruptor** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- disseize** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
disseise first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

54 dissension / doughnut

- dissension** first entry in all; **dissent** variant in NC
- dissipater** first entry in all; **dissipator** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- distention** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
distension first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- distill** first entry in all
distil unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC
- distrainor** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
distraîner first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- distributor** first entry in all; **distributer** variant in AH, RH, SC
- disyllable** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
dissyllable first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
- divestiture** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **divesture** variant in NW, SC
- doctoral** first entry in all; **doctorial** variant in RH
- dodoes** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
dodos first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
- doggerel** first entry in all; **doggrel** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- doggoned** (adj) first entry in NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
doggone first entry in NW, RH; variant in NC
- doggy** first entry in all; **doggie** variant in all
- dogie** first entry in all; **dogy** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **dogey** variant in RH
- dolly** first entry in all; **doyley** variant in all; **doiy** variant in AH, NW, SC
- dolor** first entry in all; **dolour** British in all
- domicile** first entry in all; **domicil** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- dominoes** (1. cloaks, masks; 2. pieces of equipment used in the game of dominoes)
 first entry in all; **dominos** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, SC, and for 1 only in RH
- doomsday** first entry in all; **domesday** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- dopey** first entry in all; **dopy** variant in all
- dormle** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
dormy first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
- dos-à-dos** (figure in square dancing) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
do-si-do first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH
- dote** first entry in all; **doat** variant in AH
- dottle** first entry in all; **dottel** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- doughfeet** (infantrymen) first entry in NC; **doughfoots** variant in NC
- doughnut** first entry in all
donut unqualified in AH, NC, RH; informal in NW

- douse** (to immerse, soak) first entry in all; **dowse** variant in all
- dovecote** first entry in all; **dovecot** variant in all
- doweled**, **-ling** first entry in all
dowelled, **-lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- downstairs** (adj) first entry in all; **downstair** variant in AH, RH, SC
- downward** (adv) first entry in all; **downwards** variant in all
- dowry** (money, goods, estate of a bride) first entry in all; **dower** variant in all; **dowery** unqualified in NW, SC; "rare" in RH
- dowse** (to search for underground water with a divining rod) first entry in all; **douse** variant in AH, NW, SC
- draft** first entry in all; **draught** British in all
- draftsman** first entry in all
draughtsman unqualified in RH, SC; British in NC, NV
- drafty** first entry in all
draughty unqualified in RH, SC; British in NW
- drapable** first entry in NC, RH; **drapeable** variant in NC, RH
- dreadnought** first entry in all; **dreadnaught** variant in NW, AH, SC
- dribble** first entry in all; **dribblet** variant in RH, SC
- drier** (something that dries, e.g., substance added to paint, varnish) first entry in all;
dryer variant in all
- drier**, **-est** (adj) first entry in all
dryer, **-est** unqualified in AH; "occasionally" in SC
- drivable** first entry in NC, RH; **driveable** variant in NC, RH
- driveled**, **-ling** first entry in all
drivelled, **-lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- droshky** first entry in all; **droshky** variant in all
- drought** first entry in all; **drouth** variant in all
- dryer** (apparatus for drying, e.g., hair dryer, clothes dryer) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
drier first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- dryly** first entry in all; **drily** variant in all
- ducky** (adj) first entry in all; **duckie** variant in RH
- dueled**, **-ling** first entry in all
duelled, **-lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- duffel** first entry in all; **duffle** variant in all
- dullness** first entry in all; **dulness** variant in all

56 dumfound / emir

dumfound first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

dumbfound first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

dwarfs first entry in AH, NC, NW; **dwarves** variant in AH, NC, NW

dybbuk first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **dibbuk** variant in NW, RH, SC

dyeahle first entry in NC; variant in RH

dyable first entry in RH

E

earthward (adv) first entry in all; **earthwards** variant in all

eastward (: dv) first entry in all; **eastwards** variant in all

ebony first entry in all

ebon unqualified for adj only in NC, RH; poetic for adj, noun in AH, NW, SC

ecumenical first entry in all; **oecumenical** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

edema first entry in all

oedema unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

erie first entry in all; **eery** variant in all

egad first entry in all; **egads** variant in NC

egg foo yong first entry in NW; **egg foo young** variant in NW

eldritch first entry in all; **eldrich** variant in RH

elfish first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **elvish** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NC: **elfish** is an undefined form listed at the end of the **elf** entry; **elvish** has a separate entry defined "1. of or relating to elves 2. mischievous")

embalm first entry in all

imbalm unqualified in SC; obsolete in RH

embark first entry in all

imbark unqualified in SC; obsolete in RH

embarkation first entry in all; **embarcation** variant in NW, SC

embed first entry in all; **imbed** variant in all

embitter first entry in all; **imbitter** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

emblaze first entry in all; **imblaze** variant in SC

embody first entry in all; **imbody** variant in NW, RH, SC

embolden first entry in all; **imbolden** variant in RH, SC

embosom first entry in all; **imbosom** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

embower first entry in all; **imbower** variant in NW, RH, SC

embrown first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **imbrown** variant in NC, NW, SC

emir first entry in all; **emeer** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Emmys (statuettes awarded for television excellence) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC;
Emmies variant in AH, SC

employee first entry in all; **employe** variant in all; **employé** variant in AH, RH, SC

empower first entry in all
impower unqualified in SC; obsolete in NW, RH

emprise first entry in all; **emprize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

emu first entry in all; **emeu** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

enameled, -ling first entry in all
enamelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

enamored first entry in all; **enamoured** British in all

encage first entry in all; **incage** variant in AH, SC

encapsulate first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
incapsulate first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW

encase first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
incase first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

enclasp first entry in all; **inclasp** variant in AH, SC

enclose first entry in all; **inclose** variant in all

enclosure first entry in all; **inclosure** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

encumber first entry in all; **incumber** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

encumbrance first entry in all; **incumbrance** variant in NW, RH, SC

encyclopedia first entry in all; **encyclopaedia** variant in all

endeavor first entry in all; **endeavour** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

endorse first entry in all; **indorse** variant in all

endorsement first entry in all; **indorsement** variant in RH, SC

endorser first entry in all; **endorsor** variant in AH, RH, SC

endow (ment) first entry in all; **indow (ment)** variant in SC

endue first entry in all; **indue** variant in all

enfold first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
infold first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

engraft first entry in all; **ingraft** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

engulf first entry in all; **ingulf** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

enjambment first entry in all; **enjambement** variant in all

enlace first entry in all; **inlace** variant in AH, NW, SC

enmesh first entry in all
immesh unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; archaic in NW; **inmesh** variant in NW, RH, SC

enplane first entry in all; **emplane** variant in AH, NC, NW

58 enroll / eon

enroll first entry in all

enrol unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

enrollment first entry in all; **enrolment** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

ensheathe first entry in NC, NW, RH

insheathe first entry in SC; variant in NC, RH; **ensheath** variant in RH;

insheath variant in RH

enshrine first entry in all; **inshrine** variant in AH, RH, SC

ensnare first entry in all; **insnare** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

ensoul first entry in all; **insoul** variant in all

ensphere first entry in all; **insphere** variant in all

ensure (to make sure or certain) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH

insure first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

enswathe first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **inswathe** variant in RH, SC

enthrall first entry in all; **enthral** variant in all; **inthrall** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC;

inthal variant in NW, RH, SC

enthrone first entry in all; **inthrone** variant in AH, RH, SC

entitle first entry in all; **intitle** variant in NW, RH, SC

entomb first entry in all; **intomb** variant in RH, SC

entreat first entry in all

intreat unqualified in AH, SC; archaic in NC, NW, RH

entrench first entry in all; **intrench** variant in all

entrust first entry in all; **intrust** variant in all

entwine first entry in all; **intwine** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

entwist first entry in all; **intwist** variant in AH, RH, SC

envoy (closing lines of a poem, essay, etc.) first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC

envoi first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

enwind first entry in all; **inwind** variant in AH, RH, SC

enwrap first entry in all; **inwrap** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

enwreath first entry in all; **inwreath** variant in AH, RH, SC

enzyme first entry in all; **enzym** variant in SC

eon (an indefinitely long period of time; an age) first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH

æon first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

(The three dictionaries—AH, RH, SC—giving the specific meaning, “a division of geologic time comprising two or more eras,” for this word agree in listing **eon** as first entry and **æon** as variant for this definition)

- epaulet first entry in all; epaulette variant in all
- ephedrine first entry in all; ephedrin variant in SC
- epilogue first entry in all; epilóg variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- epithalamium first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 epithalamion first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- equaled, -ling first entry in all
 equalled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- equivoque first entry in all; equivoke variant in all
- erector first entry in all; erecter variant in AH, RH, SC
- eroticism first entry in all
 erotism unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; "Psychoanal." in SC
- esker first entry in all; eskar variant in NW, RH, SC; escar variant in AH; eschar
 variant in NC
- Eskimo first entry in all; Esquimau variant in all
- esophagus first entry in all
 oesophagus unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
- espresso first entry in all; expresso variant in NW
- estivate first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
 aestivate first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
- estrogen first entry in all; oestrogen variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- et cetera first entry in all; et caetera variant in AH, SC
- ether (the upper regions; the heavens) first entry in all; æther variant in AH, NW,
 RH, SC (In AH the latter spelling is offered as a variant for all meanings of
 ether)
- ethereal first entry in all; aethereal variant in AH, NW, RH
 (The three containing the spelling aethereal do not agree on its status. RH
 offers this form for all meanings except the chemical, "pertaining to . . . ethyl
 ether." AH indicates that its use is restricted to the chemical meaning. In NW
 the separate entry, defined "same as ethereal," suggests that the variant applies
 to all meanings)
- etiology first entry in all; aetiology variant in all
- eucalyptus first entry in all
 eucalypt unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; rare in AH
- Euclidean first entry in all; Euclidian variant in all
- eurythmics first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 eurhythemics first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- evadable first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; evadible variant in AH, SC
- eviler, -est first entry in NC; eviller, -lest variant in NC

60 exactor / falderal

exactor first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 exacter first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
excerp ter first entry in NC, RH; **exceptor** variant in NC, RH
excludable first entry in all; **excludible** variant in AH, NC, RH
exhalant first entry in all; **exhalent** variant in AH, NC, RH
exhibitor first entry in all; **exhibiter** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
exorcise first entry in all; **exorcize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
exoticism first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **exotism** variant in NC
expandable first entry in NC, NW, RH; **expandible** variant in RH
expediter first entry in all; **expeditor** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
expellant first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **expellent** variant for adj and noun in NW, RH, SC, and for adj only in AH
expresser first entry in all; **expressor** variant in RH
expressible first entry in all; **expressable** variant in RH
extendible first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 extendable first entry in NC; variant in RH
extern first entry in all; **externe** variant in AH, NC, SC
extol first entry in all; **exroll** variant in all
extractable first entry in all; **extractible** variant in all
extroversion first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 extraversion first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
extrovert first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 extravert first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
eyeing first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
 eying first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

F

faceted first entry in all
 facetted unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
fagot first entry in all
 faggot unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
fagoting first entry in all
 faggotting unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in RH; **fagotting** variant in NW
fakir first entry in all; **fakeer** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
falderal first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
 folderol first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC; **falderoi** variant in AH, RH, SC

- faltboat** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
foldboat first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- fantasy** first entry in all; **phantasy** variant in all
- farei** (cookery: "stuffed") first entry in NC, RH; **farcie** variant in NC
- fatsoes** first entry in NC; variant in RH
fatsos first entry in RH
- favor** first entry in all; **favour** British in all
- faze** first entry in all; **feaze** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **feeze** variant in AH, NW, SC;
fease variant in AH, SC
- feces** first entry in all; **faeces** variant in all
- feldspar** first entry in all
felspar unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- femininity** first entry in all; **feminity** variant in NC, RH
- ferule** first entry in all; **ferula** variant in all
- fervor** first entry in all; **fervour** British in all
- fetid** first entry in all; **foetid** variant in all
- fetish** first entry in all; **fetich** variant in all
- fetus** first entry in all; **foetus** variant in all
- fezzes** first entry in all; **fezes** variant in NC
- fiascoes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in PH
fiascos first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
- fiber** first entry in all
fibre unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC
- filigree** first entry in all; **fillagree** variant in AH, RH, SC; **filagree** variant in AH, RH, SC
- fillet** (noun: thin boneless slice of meat; verb: to cut fillets from) first entry in all;
filet variant for the above noun and verb definitions in AH, NW, RH, SC; and
for the noun definition only in NC
- filterable** first entry in all; **filtrable** variant in all
- finable** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **fineable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- finagle** first entry in all; **fenagle** variant in AH, NW
- fine-toothed comb** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in RH
fine-tooth comb first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
- finicky** first entry in all; **finical** variant in all; **finnick** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC;
finicking variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **finikin** variant in AH, NW, SC; **finiking**
variant in RH; **finickin** variant in RH; **finickling** variant in SC
- fjord** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
fiord first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH

62 flak / focused, -sing

flak first entry in all; **flack** variant in NC, RH

flamingos first entry in all; **flamingoes** variant in all

flanneled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH
flannelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NW; British in RH

flannelette first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
flannellet first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

flatfoots (policemen) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC
flatfeet first entry in NC

flavor first entry in all; **flavour** British in all

flexion (the act of bending; the state of being bent; a bend or bent part) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
flexion first entry in NC; unqualified in NW; British in AH, RH, SC

fledgling first entry in all
fledgeling unqualified in AH, SC; British in NW, RH

fense first entry in all; **fench** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **flinch** variant in RH

fleur-de-lis (1. heraldic device; 2. the iris) first entry in all; **fleur-de-lys** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, SC, and for 1 only in RH

flexion (anatomy: the bending of a limb by means of the flexor muscles) first entry in all; **flexion** variant in all

flier first entry in all; **flyer** variant in all

floozy first entry in all; **floozy** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **floosy** variant in NW, SC; **floosie** variant in NW

floriated first entry in all; **floreated** variant in AH, RH, SC

flotage first entry in all; **floatage** variant in all

floatation first entry in all
floatation unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

flügelhorn first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
fluegelhorn first entry in NW; variant in NC

fluky first entry in all; **flukey** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

flunky first entry in all; **flunkey** variant in all

fluoride first entry in all; **fluorid** variant in SC

fluorine first entry in all; **fluorin** variant in SC

flustrate first entry in RH, SC; **flusterate** variant in SC

flustration first entry in NW, RH, SC; **flustration** variant in NW

flutist first entry in all; **flautist** variant in all

focused, -sing first entry in all
focussed, -ssing unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

- fogy** first entry in all; **fogey** variant in all; **fogie** variant in SC
- fondue** first entry in all; **fondue** variant in AH, NC, NW
- font** (full assortment of printing type) first entry in all; **fount** British in all
- fontanel** first entry in all; **fontanelle** variant in all
- forcemeat** first entry in all; **faicemeat** variant in RH
- forebear** (ancestor) first entry in all; **forbear** variant in all
- forebode** first entry in all; **forbode** variant in NC
- forecastle** first entry in all; **fo'c's'le** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **fo'c'sle** variant in NC, RH
- forjudge** (to judge in advance) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **forjudge** variant in AH (RH does not give this meaning)
- forjudge** (to expel, oust, or put out by judgment of a court) first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
- forjudge** first entry in RH, SC; variant in NC, NW (AH does not give this meaning)
- forfend** first entry in all; **forefend** variant in all
- forgather** first entry in all; **foregather** variant in all
- forgo** first entry in all; **forego** variant in all
- forkfuls** first entry in AH, NW; **forksful** variant in AH
- formaldehyde** first entry in all; **formaldehyd** variant in SC
- forswear** first entry in all; **foreswear** variant in AH, NC
- forward** (adv) first entry in all; **forwards** variant in all
- four-wheel** (adj) first entry in all; **four-wheeled** variant in NC, RH for all meanings, and in NW for single meaning "having or running on four wheels"
- framable** first entry in NC, RH; **frameable** variant in NC, RH
- franchisor** first entry in NC; **franchiser** variant in NC
- Francophile** first entry in all; **Francophil** variant in all
- frangipani** (a tropical shrub; a kind of perfume) first entry in all; **frangipane** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **frangipanni** variant in NC
- frangipani** (an almond-flavored pastry or custard) first entry in AH, NW, SC
frangipane first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
- frankfurter** first entry in all; **frankforter** variant in all; **frankfurt** variant in all;
frankfort variant in all
- frantically** first entry in all
franticy unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; rare in NW
- freebie** first entry in NC, NW; **freebee** variant in NC; **freeby** variant in NW

64 frenetic / fusilier

- frenetic** first entry in all
 phrenetic unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "earlier spelling" in NW
- frenzy** first entry in all
 phrensy unqualified in AH, NC, RH; rare in SC; "earlier spelling" in NW
- frescoes** first entry in all; **freseos** variant in all
- fridge** (clipped form of **refrigerator**) first entry in all; **frig** variant in NC
- frijol** first entry in all; **frijole** variant in all
- frivoled, -ling** first entry in all
 frivolled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- frizz** (verb: to form into tight curls; noun: hair that is frizzed) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 friz first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
- froe** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant ("chiefly U.S.") in RH
 frow first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- frontward** (adv) first entry in AH, RH; **frontwards** variant in AH, RH
- frowzy** first entry in all; **frowsy** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **frouzy** variant in AH, RH, SC
- fryer** first entry in all; **frier** variant in all
- fueled, -ling** first entry in all
 fuelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- Führer** first entry in all; **Fuehrer** variant in all
 (Both spellings capitalized in NW, RH, SC; lower case in NC; capitalized in AH only when reference is to Hitler's title. In SC the entry is **Fuhrer** without the umlaut, an apparent typo, since the cross reference after **Fuehrer** is to **Führer**)
- fulfil** first entry in all
 fulfil unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
- fulfilment** first entry in all; **fulfilment** variant in NW, RH, SC
- fullness** first entry in all; **fulness** variant in all
- funneled, -ling** first entry in all
 funnelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- furor** first entry in all
furore unqualified in NC, SC; British in AH, NW, RH
 (In SC the "also **furore**" at the end of the entry for **furor** suggests that the variant applies to all meanings. The other dictionaries indicate that the variant is not used for the meaning "rage, frenzy")
- fuse** (a tube or cord of combustible material for igniting an explosive) first entry in all; **fuze** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- fusee** first entry in all; **fuzee** variant in all
- fuslier** first entry in all; **fusileer** variant in all

fuze (a mechanical or electrical device to detonate an explosive charge) first entry in all; **fuse** variant in all

G

- gabardine** (twilled fabric) first entry in all
gaberdine unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
- gaberdine** (loose coat or cloak) first entry in all; **gabardine** variant in all
- gaiety** first entry in all; **gayety** variant in all
- gaily** first entry in all; **gayly** variant in all
- gallivant** first entry in all; **galavant** variant in all; **galivant** variant in SC
- galoor** first entry in all; **galoot** variant in AH, RH, SC
- galosh** first entry in all; **galoshe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
golosh unqualified in AH, RH, SC; British in NW; **goloshe** British in NW
- gambados** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
gambadoes first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
- gamboled, -ling** first entry in all
gambolled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- gamy** first entry in all; **gamey** variant in NC
- ganef** first entry in all; **ganof** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **gonoph** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **gonif** variant in AH, NW, RH; **gonof** variant in NW, SC; **ganev** variant in RH; **gonef** variant in NW; **goniff** variant in NW
- gantlet** (railroads: a form of track construction) first entry in all; **gauntlet** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- gantry** first entry in all; **gauntry** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- garrote** first entry in all; **garotte** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **garrotte** variant in AH, NW, SC; **garote** variant in SC
- gases** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **gasses** variant in AH, NC, SC
- gasoline** first entry in all; **gasolene** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- gastropod** first entry in all
gasteropod unqualified in RH, SC; rare in AH
- gauge** first entry in all
gage unqualified in AH, NC, SC; technical sense in NW, RH
- gauntlet** (armored glove; challenge to combat) first entry in all; **gantlet** variant in all
- gauntlet** (a form of punishment; ordeal) first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
gantlet first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH
- gaveled, -ling** first entry in NC; **gavelled, -ling** variant in NC
- gavotte** first entry in all; **gavot** variant in NW, RH, SC

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gazabo (man, fellow) first entry in AH, NW, SC (with plural -os or -oes); gazebo variant in NW, SC

gazebos first entry in all; gazeboes variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

geckos first entry in all; geckoes variant in all

gefilte fish first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
gefillte fish first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH; **gefillte fish** variant in RH, SC; **gefulte fish** variant in RH

gelatin first entry in all; **gelatine** variant in all

gemology first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **gemmology** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

gemütlich first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **gemuetlich** variant in RH

gendarmerie first entry in all; **gendarmery** variant in all

genet first entry in all; **genette** variant in NW, RH, SC

gentlefolk first entry in all; **gentlefolks** variant in all

genuflection first entry in all; **genuflexion** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

gerbil first entry in all; **gerbille** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

getable first entry in AH; variant in NW

gettable first entry in NW; variant in AH

gewgaw first entry in all; **geegaw** variant in NC, RH

ghat first entry in all; **ghaut** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

ghettos first entry in all; **ghettoes** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **ghetti** variant in SC

gibbous first entry in all; **gibbose** variant in RH, SC

gibe first entry in all; **jibe** variant in all

gilt-edged first entry in all; **gilt-edge** variant in all

gimmickry first entry in all; **gimmickery** variant in NW

ginkgo first entry in all; **gingko** variant in all; **jingko** variant in SC

ginseng first entry in all; **genseng** variant in RH

girlie first entry in NC, NW, RH; **girly** variant in NC, NW

gismo first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
gizmo first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

gladiolus (botanical meaning only) first entry in all; **gladiola** variant in all

glamorize first entry in all; **glamourize** variant in AH, NC, RH

glamorous first entry in all; **glamourous** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

glamour first entry in all
glamor unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC

gluing first entry in all; **glueing** variant in NC

- glycerin** first entry in all; **glycerine** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- gobbledygook** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
gobbledegook first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- goddamn** (adj, adv) first entry in all; **goddam** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **goddamn** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- goiter** first entry in all; **goitre** variant in all
- golliwog** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
golliwogg first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- good-by** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
good-bye first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
goodbye first entry in NW; variant in RH; **goodby** variant in NW, RH
- goosey** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC
goosy first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW
- gospeler** first entry in all
gospeller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- gossiped**, **-ping** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **gossipped**, **-pping** variant in SC
- gourmand** first entry in all; **gormand** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- governors-general** first entry in all; **governor-generals** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- gram** first entry in all
gramme unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- grandam** first entry in all; **grandame** variant in all
- granddad** first entry in all; **grandad** variant in NC
- granddaddy** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **grandaddy** variant in NC
- grandfather clock** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
grandfather's clock first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- granny** first entry in all; **grannie** variant in all
- granny knot** first entry in all; **granny's knot** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- granter** first entry in all
grantor unqualified in NC; legal sense in AH, NW, RH, SC
- granulator** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
granulater first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW
- graveled**, **-ling** first entry in all
gravelled, **-ling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- gray** first entry in all
grey unqualified in AH, NC, RH; British in NW, SC
- grazeable** first entry in NC; **grazable** variant in NC
- greenskeeper** first entry in RH; **greenkeeper** variant in RH

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greyhound first entry in all

grayhound unqualified in NW, RH; rare in AH, SC

griffin first entry in all; **griffon** variant in all; **gryphon** variant in all

grille first entry in all; **grill** variant in all

grippe first entry in all; **grip** variant in AH, NW, SC

grommet first entry in all; **grummet** variant in all

grotesquery first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

grotesquerie first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

grottoes first entry in all; **grottos** variant in all

groveled, -ling first entry in all

grovelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

groveler first entry in all

grovellet unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

grueling first entry in all

gruelling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

gruesome first entry in all; **growsome** variant in all

guacamole first entry in AH, NC, NW; **guachamole** variant in AH

guarantee (verb) first entry in all; **guaranty** variant in all

guaranty (noun: something given or taken as security) first entry in all; **guarantee** variant in all (AH, since it uses "a guaranty" as one definition for the noun entry of **guarantee**, suggests that the secondary spelling is acceptable for all noun uses of **guaranty**)

guerrilla first entry in all; **guerilla** variant in all

guild first entry in all; **gild** variant in all

gullible first entry in all

gullable unqualified in NC, RH; rare in NW

gully (noun, verb) first entry in all; **gulley** variant for noun only in RH

gumbo first entry in all

gombo variant in AH for all meanings, and in SC for only "a patois of French . . . spoken in Louisiana"

gunwale first entry in all; **gunnel** variant in all

gyp first entry in all; **gip** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

gypsy first entry in all; **gipsy** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

gyrfalcon first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

gerfaleon first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

H

ha first entry in all; **hah** variant in all

hairbreadth (noun) first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
hairshreadth first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
hair's-breadth first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

halberd first entry in all; **halbert** variant in all

halibut first entry in all; **holibut** variant in RH, SC

hallelujah first entry in all; **halleluia** variant in NW, RH, SC

halloo (interj): an exclamation or shout to attract attention; verb: to cry out, to shout or hail) first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
hallo first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC
hollo first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
halloa variant in all; **holloa** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **hallow** variant in NW, RH, SC; **holla** variant in NC, NW, SC; **hullo** variant in NW, RH, SC; **hilloa** unqualified in RH, SC, archaic in NW; **hillo** unqualified in SC, archaic in NW; **holloo** variant in RH

Halloween first entry in all; **Hallowe'en** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

halos first entry in all; **haloes** variant in all

halvah first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **halva** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **halavah** variant in AH

halyard first entry in all; **haliard** variant in all; **haulyard** variant in SC

hamburger first entry in all; **hamburg** variant in all

handbreadth first entry in all; **hand's-breadth** variant in AH, NW, RH; **hand's breadth** variant in AH, SC; **handsbreadth** variant in NC

handfuls first entry in all; **handsful** variant in NC

handicraft first entry in all
handcraft unqualified in NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC

handkerchiefs first entry in NC, NW; **handkerchieves** variant in NC

handsef first entry in all; **hansel** variant in all

hankie first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
hanky first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW

hanky-panky first entry in all; **hankey-pankey** variant in RH

hara-kiri first entry in all; **hari-kari** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **hara-kart** variant in SC

harbor first entry in all; **harbour** British in all

harebrained first entry in all; **hairbrained** variant in RH

harem first entry in all; **hareem** variant in AH, NW, SC

harquebus first entry in all; **arquebus** variant in all; **harquebuss** variant in RH, SC;
harquebuse variant in RH, SC

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hartebeest first entry in all; **hartbeest** variant in AH, SC

hasenpfeffer first entry in all; **hassenpfeffer** variant in RH

hashish first entry in all; **hasheesh** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

hassle first entry in all; **hassel** variant in SC

hateable first entry in NW, RH; variant in SC

hatable first entry in SC; variant in NW, RH

hearken first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

harken first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

heavenward (adv) first entry in all; **heavenwards** variant in all

hectare first entry in all; **hektare** variant in RH, SC

hejira first entry in all; **hejira** variant in all

hello first entry in all

hullo unqualified in AH, NW; British in NC, RH

hemo-, **hema-** (e.g., **hemoglobin**, **hematology**) first entry in all; **haemo-**, **haema-** (e.g., **haemoglobin**, **haematology**) variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
(Of the five, only AH does not offer the **haemo-** **haema-** combining form as a variant. All the others have at least an entry for the variant prefix, and for some of the more commonly used words separate entries for the **haem-** spellings. Slight inconsistencies can be found: SC, for example, attaches the British label to "haemorrhage.")

hereabout first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

hereabouts first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

heroes (plural of the clipped form of "hero sandwich") first entry in all; **heros** variant in RH

hesitater first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **hesitator** variant in NW, RH

hetaera first entry in all; **hetaira** variant in all

heyday first entry in all; **heydey** variant in RH

hiccup first entry in all; **hiccough** variant in all

hiccuped, **-ping** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC

hiccupped, **-pping** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

hieing first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

hying first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

highfalutin first entry in all; **highfaluting** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **hifalutin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **highfalutin'** variant in RH; **hifalutin'** variant in RH

high-muck-a-muck first entry in NC, RH, SC

high mu kamuck first entry in AH; variant in NW

high muck-a-muck first entry in NW; **high-muckety-muck** variant in NC

hijack first entry in all; **highjack** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **high-jack** variant in NC

- Hindu** first entry in all
Hindoo unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; archaic in AH
- hip** (adj: aware, knowledgeable) first entry in all
hep unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "earlier form of" in NW
- hippie** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **hippy** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- hippogriff** first entry in all; **hippogryph** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- hirable** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **hireable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- histamine** first entry in all; **histamin** variant in RH
- hitherward** first entry in all; **hitherwards** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- hoboes** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
hobos first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
- hocus-pocused**, -sing first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
hocus-pocussed, -ssing first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH
- hogtying** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **hogtieing** variant in AH, NW, SC
- hoity-toity** first entry in all
highly-tighty unqualified in AH, NW; restricted to interj and adj in SC
- hokeypokey** first entry in NC, NW, SC
hokey-pokey first entry in RH; **hokypoky** variant in NW, SC
- hollowware** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
holloware first entry in NW; variant in NC
- homeopathy** first entry in all; **homoeopathy** variant in RH, SC
- homeward** (adv) first entry in all; **homewards** variant in all
- homey** first entry in all; **homy** variant in all
- honeyed** first entry in all; **honied** variant in all
- honky** (derogatory term for a white man) first entry in AH; variant in NC
honkie first entry in NC; variant in AH; **honkey** variant in NC
- honor** first entry in all; **honour** British in all
- hooch** (illicitly distilled liquor) first entry in all; **hootch** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
 (NC offers the variant for **hooch**, "a usu. thatched hut; broadly: dwelling,"
 a meaning not found in the other four dictionaries)
- hoofs** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
hooves first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, RH, SC; rare in NW
- hookah** first entry in all; **hooka** variant in NW, RH, SC
- hooky** (e.g., "to play hooky") first entry in all; **hookey** variant in NC, RH
- hoosgow** first entry in all; **hoosgow** variant in NW, RH, SC
- hootchy-kootchy** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **hootchie-kootchie** variant in AH, NW, RH; **hootchie-cootchie** variant in SC; **hootchy-kootch** variant in RH

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horehound first entry in all; **hoarhound** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

hors d'oeuvres (plural) first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in RH; "an English plural" in SC

hors d'oeuvre first entry in RH, SC; unqualified in AH, NC; French in NW

horsy first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

horsey first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

hostler first entry in all; **ostler** variant in all

howdah first entry in all; **houdah** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

hoyden first entry in all; **hoiden** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

huarache first entry in all; **huaracho** variant in AH, SC

hubris first entry in all; **hybris** variant in NC, RH, SC

hullabaloo first entry in all; **hullaballoo** variant in AH, SC

humor first entry in all; **humour** British in all

hurrah first entry in all; **hurray** variant in all; **hooray** variant in all; **hoorah** variant in RH

hurry-scurry first entry in all; **hurry-skurry** variant in all

hyena first entry in all; **hyaena** variant in all

hygienist first entry in all; **hygeist** variant in RH, SC; **hygieist** variant in RH, SC

hypotenuse first entry in all; **hypothenuse** variant in all

I

icon first entry in all; **ikon** variant in all; **eikon** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

ideology first entry in all; **idealogy** variant in NC

idyll first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

idyl first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

igloo first entry in all; **iglu** variant in AH, RH

ignitable first entry in all; **ignitible** variant in all

igniter first entry in all

ignitor unqualified in AH, NC, NW; specialized electronics use in SC

imbrue first entry in all; **embrue** variant in all

immovable first entry in all; **immoveable** variant in RH

impactor first entry in NC; **impacter** variant in NC

impale first entry in all; **empale** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

impanel first entry in all; **empanel** variant in all

impaneled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

impanelled, -lling unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

impeller first entry in all; **impellor** variant in NC

- imperiled, -ling** first entry in all
imperilled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- impostor** first entry in all; **imposter** variant in NC, RH
- impoverish** first entry in all
empoverish unqualified in SC; obsolete in RH
- improviser** first entry in all; **improvisor** variant in NC, NW
- includable** first entry in all; **includible** variant in all
- incondensable** first entry in all; **incondensible** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- incrust** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
en crust first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
- indenter** first entry in AH, NC, RH; **indentor** variant in AH, RH
- indicter** first entry in all; **indictor** variant in all
- indigene** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
indigen first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- indigos** first entry in all; **indigoes** variant in all
- inexpressive** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
unexpressive first entry in AH; variant in NW, SC (NW and SC use **inexpressive** to define **unexpressive**. The variant status is unclear in RH: **unexpressive** is included in the list of undefined **un-** words)
- infector** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **infecter** variant in RH, SC
- inferable** first entry in all; **inferrible** variant in NC, RH; **inferible** variant in RH
- inflamm** first entry in all; **enflame** variant in NC, RH
- inflater** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
inflator first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
- inflection** first entry in all; **inflexion** British in all
- inflicter** first entry in all; **inflictor** variant in all
- ingrain** (to impress firmly, to fix deeply) first entry in all; **engrain** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- initialed, -ling** first entry in all
initialled, -lling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- innuendoes** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
innuendos first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW
- inquire** first entry in all; **enquire** variant in all
- inquiry** first entry in all; **enquiry** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- insignia** (as singular) first entry in all; **insigne** variant in AH, NC, RH
(SC and AH have usage notes on **insignia** as a singular noun)
- install** first entry in all
instal unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

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- installment** first entry in all
instalment unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
- instill** first entry in all
instil unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC
- instilment** first entry in all; **instilment** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- institutor** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
instituter first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
- insure** (to secure indemnity in case of loss; to issue or procure an insurance policy)
first entry in all
ensure unqualified in RH, SC; obsolete in NW
- interceptor** first entry in all; **intercepter** variant in all
- intermitter** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **intermittor** variant in RH
- intern** (noun) first entry in all; **interne** variant in all
- interpolator** first entry in NW, RH, SC
interpolator first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
- interrupter** first entry in all; **interruptor** variant in AH, SC
- intervener** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
intervenor first entry in NC; unqualified in RH; legal sense in NW
- intransigence** first entry in all; **intransigeance** variant in NC, RH
- intransigent** first entry in all
intransigeant unqualified in AH, NC, RH; French in SC
- intrigant** first entry in all; **intrigant** variant in AH, NC, RH
- inure** first entry in all; **enure** variant in all
- inventible** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **inventable** variant in RH
- inventor** first entry in all; **inventer** variant in AH, SC
- investable** first entry in NC, RH; **investible** variant in RH
- inward** (adv) first entry in all; **inwards** variant in all
- iodine** first entry in all; **iodin** variant in NC, RH, SC
- irreligious** first entry in all; **unreligious** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (These four use **irreligious** as one definition of **unreligious**. The variant status of **unreligious** is unclear in NC; **unreligious** is included in the list of undefined un- words in NC)

J

- jack-in-the-box** first entry in all; **jack-in-a-box** variant in NW, RH, SC
- jack-in-the-boxes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **jacks-in-the-box** variant in AH, NC
- jack-in-the-pulpits** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **jacks-in-the-pulpit** variant in NC
- jail** first entry in all; **gaol** British in all

- jailer** first entry in all; **jailor** variant in all
- jalopy** first entry in all; **jaloppy** variant in AH, SC
- janissary** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
janizary first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH; **janisary** variant in SC
- Japonism** first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
Japanism first entry in RH
- jasmine** first entry in all; **jessamine** variant in all; **jasmin** variant in NW
- jennet** first entry in all; **genet** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- jetsam** first entry in all; **jetsom** variant in RH
- jeweled, 4ling** first entry in all
jewelled, 4ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- jeweler** first entry in all
jeweller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- jewelry** first entry in all; **jewellery** British in NW, RH, SC
- jew's-harp** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
Jew's harp first entry in NC; **jews'-harp** variant in AH, NW, SC; **Jews' harp** variant in NC
 (The "also, jew's-harp" at the end of the entry in RH must be a typo, since the spelling is exactly the same as that of the main entry)
- jibe** (to alter course of a ship by shifting sails) first entry in all; **gybe** variant in all;
jib variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **gibe** variant in RH, SC
- jiminy** first entry in RH; **jimmy** variant in RH
- jimmy** (noun: short crowbar; verb: to force open) first entry in all; **jemmy** British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- jinni** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
jinn first entry in NC, RH (The three dictionaries that have **jinni** as first entry give **jinn** as its plural. NW notes that **jinn** is "popularly regarded as a singular, with the plural **jinn**s")
genie variant in all; **djinni** variant in all; **djinn** variant in NC, RH, called the plural form of **djin** in AH and NW; **jinn** variant in AH, SC; **djin** variant in NC, RH; **jin** variant in RH; **djinny** variant in AH
- jiriksha** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
jirriksha first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW, RH; **jirricksha** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **jirrickshaw** variant in P1
- Johnny-come-latelies** first entry in AH, NC, RH; **Jonnnies-come-lately** variant in NC, RH
- Johnny-come-lately** first entry in all; **Johnnie-come-lately** variant in RH
- jostle** first entry in all; **justle** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- joust** first entry in all; **just** variant in all
- jowl** (1. the lower jaw, the cheek; 2. the fleshy part under the jaw, dewlap) first entry in all; **jole** variant for 1 and 2 in SC, for 1 only in AH, and for 2 only in RH

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judgment first entry in all

judgement unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

jujitsu first entry in all; **jujutsu** variant in all; **jiujitsu** variant in all; **jujutsu** variant in all

juncos first entry in all; **juncoes** variant in NC

junketer first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW

junkester first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH

junketter first entry in RH

junkie (dope addict) first entry in all; **junky** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

K

kabob first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW

kebab first entry in NW; variant in NC, RH; **kebob** variant in NC, RH; **cabob** variant in NW, RH; **kabab** variant in RH

(In AH and SC, the reader is referred to **shish kebab**, after which entry AH adds "also **shish kebob**, **shish kabob**," and SC adds "also called **cabob**, **kabob**")

kaffeeklatsch first entry in NC, NW, SC (written either solid or as two words in NW); variant in AH, RH (written as two words)

coffee klatch first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

coffee klatsch first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

Kaffir first entry in all; **Kafir** variant in all

kale first entry in all; **kail** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

kaolin first entry in all; **kaoline** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

kaput first entry in all; **kaputt** variant in AH, NC

karakul (a broad-tailed sheep of Asia) first entry in all; **caracul** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

karat (unit for measuring gold) first entry in all

carat unqualified in AH, NC, NW; "loosely, a **karat**" in SC

kayak first entry in all; **kaiak** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **kyak** variant in NW

keelhaul first entry in all; **keelhale** variant in RH, SC

keelson first entry in all; **kelson** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

kef (preparation of hemp leaves for smoking) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH

kif first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH; **keef** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **kief** variant in NW, RH, SC; **kaif** variant in RH

kegler first entry in all; **kegeler** variant in RH

keloid first entry in all; **cheloid** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

kenneled, -ling first entry in all

kennelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

- kerchiefs** first entry in NC; **kerchieves** variant in NC
- kermis** first entry in all; **kermess** variant in all; **kirmess** variant in all
- kerneled**, -ling first entry in NW, RH, SC
kernelled, -lling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
- kerosene** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
kerosine first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- ketchup** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
catsup first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **catchup** variant in all
- kiddie car** first entry in RH; **kiddy car** variant in RH
- kiddos** first entry in RH; **kiddoes** variant in RH
- kiddy** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
kiddie first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- kidnaper** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
kidnaj per first entry in NC, NW; unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH
- kidnapped**, -pping first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
kidnaped, -ping first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
- kifter** first entry in all
kefter unqualified in NW; "Br. dial." in SC
- kindergartner** first entry in all; **kindergartener** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- kinfolk** first entry in NW, RH; informal in AH, SC
kinsfolk first entry in AH, SC; unqualified in RH; "earlier form of kinfolk" in NW; **kinfolks** unqualified in NW, RH; informal in AH, SC
 (First entry/variant status is unclear in NC. Two separate entries, "kinfolk . . . or kinfolks" and "kinsfolk" are defined alike, both with the single word "relatives")
- king-size** (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **king-sized** variant in NC, NW, RH;
king-sized variant in SC
- kinnikinnick** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in SC
kinnikinic first entry in SC; variant in NC, NW
kinnikinick first entry in NW; **kinnikinnic** variant in AH, RH, SC; **killikinick** variant in AH; **killikinnic** variant in SC; **killickinnic** variant in RH; **killikinic** variant in RH; **killickinnic** variant in RH
- kismet** first entry in all; **kismar** variant in RH
- kitchenette** first entry in all; **kitchenet** variant in NW, RH, SC
- Klaxon** first entry in all (lower case in RH, SC); **claxon** variant in NW, SC
- kleptomania** first entry in all; **cleptomania** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- kleig light** first entry in all; **kleig light** variant in NC, NW, RH
- knackwurst** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
knockwurst first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- knickknack** first entry in all; **nicknack** variant in all

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knowledgeable first entry in all; **knowledgable** variant in RH

koala first entry in all; **coala** variant in RH

Kodiak bear first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **Kadiak bear** variant in RH, SC
(NC has no entry for **Kodiak bear**, but in the geographical names section the variant is given for the place name)

kola (1. African tree; 2. nut or seed of the tree) first entry for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, RH, and for 2 only in NW; variant for 1 and 2 in SC, and for 1 only in NW
cola first entry for 1 and 2 in SC, and for 1 only in NW; variant for 1 and 2 in AH

kolinsky first entry in all; **kolinski** variant in NC

kooky first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **kookie** variant in NC, NW, RH

kopeak first entry in all; **copeek** variant in all; **kopek** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

kosher first entry in all; **kasher** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

kowtow first entry in all; **kotow** variant in AH, RH, SC

kraal first entry in all; **craal** variant in AH, RH, SC

krimmer first entry in all; **crimmer** variant in NW, RH, SC

kumiss first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
koumiss first entry in NC; variant in AH, RH, SC; **koumis** variant in AH, RH;
koumyss variant in RH; **koumys** variant in SC; **kumys** variant in SC

kumquat first entry in all; **cumquat** variant in all

kvass first entry in all; **quass** variant in NW, RH, SC; **kvas** variant in AH, NW, SC

L

labeled, -ling first entry in all
labelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; **British** in RH

labor first entry in all; **labour** **British** in all

labyrinthine first entry in all; **labyrinthian** variant in all

lachrymal (pertaining to tears) first entry in all; **lacrimal** variant in all

lachrymose first entry in all; **lacrimose** variant in SC

lackey first entry in all
laquey unqualified in AH, RH, SC; **obsolete** in NW

lackluster first entry in all
lacklustre unqualified in SC; **British** in AH, NW, RH

lacrimal (pertaining to the glands that produce tears) first entry in NC, NW, RH;
variant in AH, SC
lachrymal first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

lacy first entry in all; **lacey** variant in NC

la-di-da first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **la-de-da** variant in AH, NW, RH; **lah-di-dah** variant in NW; **lah-de-dah** variant in NW

ladyfinger first entry in all; **ladysfinger** variant in AH, SC

lady's man first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH

ladies' man first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

lagnappe first entry in all; **lagnappe** variant in NW, RH, SC

lagoon first entry in all; **lagune** variant in AH, RH, SC; **laguna** variant in AH

laissez faire first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

laissez-faire first entry in NC; **laisser faire** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC;

laisser-faire British in NC

lambaste first entry in all; **lambast** variant in NC, NW, RH

lamster (fugitive from the law) first entry in NC; **lamister** variant in NC

landward (adv) first entry in all; **la-wards** variant in all

lanolin first entry in all; **lanoline** variant in NW, RH, SC

lanyard first entry in all; **laniard** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

lapsable first entry in NW, RH, SC; **lapsible** variant in NW, RH, SC

lardon first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

lardoos first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

largess first entry in all; **largesse** variant in all

lasagna first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC

lasagne first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

(NC offers no variant for the meaning "bread, flat noodles" but not for "boiled lasagna noodles baked with a sauce")

lassos first entry in all; **lassoes** variant in all

latten first entry in all; **lattan** variant in NC

laureled, -ling first entry in all

laurelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

lavalere first entry in all

lavallière unqualified in NW, RH; French in AH, SC; **lavalier** variant in NW, RH, SC; **lavalliere** variant in NC

lea (grassland, meadow) first entry in all; **ley** variant in AH, NC, RH

leery (wary) first entry in all; **leary** variant in AH, NW, SC

leftward (adv) first entry in NC, NW, RH; **leftwards** variant in NC, NW, RH

legging (covering for legs) first entry in all; **leggin** variant in NC, RH

leitmotiv first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

leitmotiv first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC

lens first entry in all; **lense** variant in NC

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lese majesty first entry in all

lèse majesté unqualified in NC, RH; French in AH, SC (with hyphen in SC);
leze majesty variant in NW; **lèse majesty** variant in RH

leech (a lecherous craving) first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW
lech first entry in NW; variant in AH

leukemia first entry in all; **leukaemia** variant in NW, RH, SC; **leucemia** variant in RH

leveled, **-ling** first entry in all

levelled, **-lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

leveler (noun) first entry in all

leveller unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

liana first entry in all; **liane** variant in all

libeled, **-ling** first entry in all

libelled, **-lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

libelous first entry in all

libellous unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

license first entry in all

licence unqualified in NC, RH; British in AH, NW, SC

licenser first entry in all

licensor unqualified in AH, NC; legal sense in NW, RH, SC

lich gate first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

lych-gate first entry in NC; **lych gate** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **lich-gate** variant in NC

flickerish first entry in all; **liquorish** variant in AH, RH, SC

licorice first entry in all

liquorice unqualified in RH; British in AH, NC, NW, SC

life-size (adj) first entry in all; **life-sized** variant in all

light-footed (adj) first entry in all

light-foot unqualified in NC, poetic in NW; **lightfoot** poetic in AH, SC

likable first entry in all; **likeable** variant in all

linable first entry in NW, RH; **lineable** variant in NW, RH

linage first entry in all; **lineage** variant in all

lineman (one who sets up or repairs power lines) first entry in all; **linesman** variant in all

liny first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **liney** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

liquefy first entry in all; **liquify** variant in AH, NC, SC

lissome first entry in all; **lissom** variant in all

litchi first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

lichee first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **tychee** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **lichi** variant in RH

- liter** first entry in all
litre unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- littoral** first entry in all; **litoral** variant in RH
- livable** first entry in all; **liveable** variant in all
- loath** (adj) first entry in all; **loth** variant in all; **loathe** variant in NC
- locos** (locoweeds, loco diseases) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **locoes** variant in NC
- lodestar** first entry in all; **loadstar** variant in all
- lodestone** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
loadstone first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- lodgment** first entry in all
lodgement unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH
- loginess** first entry in NW, RH; **logginess** variant in RH
- logy** (sluggish) first entry in all; **loggy** variant in NC
- lollapalooza** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **lollapaloosa** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC;
lalapalooza variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **lallapalooza** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- lollipop** first entry in all; **lollypop** variant in all
- lollygag** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
lallygag first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW
- longhair** (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
long-hair first entry in NC; **longhaired** variant in AH, NW; **long-haired** variant in NC, RH
- looie** (lieutenant) first entry in NW, RH; **looe** variant in NW, RH; **louie** variant in RH
- loony** first entry in all; **luny** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **looney** variant in NC, NW, RH
- lotus** first entry in all; **lotos** variant in
 (Variant **lotos** for all meanings except in NC, which restricts its use to "a fruit eaten by the lotus eaters and considered to cause indolence and dreamy contentment; also a tree . . . reputed to bear this fruit")
- louver** first entry in all; **louvre** variant in AH, NC, NW
- lovable** first entry in all; **loveable** variant in all
- lower** (verb: to look angry or threatening; noun: a threatening look) first entry in all;
lour variant in all
- low-key** (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
low-keyed first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- low-necked** (adj) first entry in all; **low-neck** variant in AH, NC, NW
- lubricous** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
lubricious first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

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Lucullan (adj) first entry in all; **Lucullian** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **Lueullean** variant in NW, RH, SC

luster first entry in all
lustre unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

lutanist first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
lutenist first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW, SC

lyings-in first entry in NC, RH; **lying-ins** variant in NC, RH

M

macaroni first entry in all; **maecaroni** variant in AH, SC

macerator first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
macerater first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH

Machiavellian first entry in all; **Machiavelian** variant in RH, SC

machinable first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **machineable** variant in NC

mackintosh first entry in all; **macintosh** variant in all

madroña first entry in AH, NC, SC (without tilde in NC); variant in NW, RH
madroño first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, SC, NC (without tilde in NC);
madrone variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

maenad first entry in all; **menad** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

Mafia first entry in all; **Maffia** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

magdalen first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
magdalene first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

Magna Charta first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
Magna Carta first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

magnificoes first entry in all; **magnificos** variant in NC, NW

maharajah first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC, SC
maharaja first entry in NC, SC; variant in AH, NW, RH

maharani first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
maharanee first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

Mahican first entry in all; **Mohican** variant in all

mah-jongg first entry in NC, NW, RH (capitalized in NC)
mahjong first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW; **ch-jong** variant in RH, SC;
mahjongg variant in AH, SC

majolica first entry in all; **maiolica** variant in NC, RH, SC

makable first entry in NC, NW, RH; **makeable** variant in NC

make-believe (noun) first entry in all; **make-belief** variant in SC for single meaning
 "pretense, sham"

malamute first entry in all; **malemute** variant in all; **malemiut** variant in AH, NW, SC

malarkey first entry in all; **malarkey** variant in AH, NW, SC

mama first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH

mamma first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC; **momma** variant in NC, RH

mammy first entry in all; **manmie** variant in AH, SC

mandatary (noun: one holding a mandate) first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
mandatory first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

Mandingos first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

Mandingoes first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

mandolin first entry in all; **mandoline** variant in NC

mandrel first entry in all; **mandril** variant in all

maneuver first entry in all

manoeuvre unqualified in RH; British in AH, NC, NW, SC; **manoeuver** British in SC

mangoes first entry in all; **mangos** variant in all

mangy first entry in all; **mangey** variant in RH

manifestoes first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

manifestos first entry in NC; variant in AH, SC

manikin first entry in all; **mannikin** variant in all; **manakin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

manila (hemp, rope, paper) first entry in all; **manilla** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

manitou first entry in all; **manitu** variant in all; **manito** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

mannequin first entry in all; **manikin** variant in all; **mannikin** variant in NC

man-sized (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

man-size first entry in NC; variant in NW

mantel first entry in all; **mantle** variant in all

margarine first entry in all; **margarin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

marijuana first entry in all; **marihuana** variant in all

marketer first entry in AH, NC, NW; **marketeer** variant in NW

marlinespike first entry in all; **marlinspike** variant in all; **marlingspike** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

marquetry first entry in all; **marqueterie** variant in all

marshal (noun) first entry in all; **marshall** variant in NC

marshaled, -ling first entry in all

marshalled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

martingale first entry in all; **martingal** variant in AH, NW, SC

marveled, -ling first entry in all

marvelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

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marvelous first entry in all

marvellous unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in NW, RH

mashie first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **mashy** variant in AH, RH, SC

masque (type of 16th-17th century English entertainment) first entry in all; **mask** variant in all

matzo first entry in all; **matzah** variant in RH, SC; **matza** variant in SC; **matzoh** variant in SC; **matsah** variant in NW

maul first entry in all

mali unqualified in AH, NC, SC; rare in RH

maulstiek first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH

mahlstiek first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

mayhem first entry in all

maihem unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "earlier form n." in NW

mazel tov first entry in AH, NW, RH; **mazal tov** variant in AH, RH; **mazzel tov** variant in NW

mazurka first entry in all; **mazourka** variant in all

meager first entry in all

meagre unqualified in AH, NC; British in NW, RH, SC

meany first entry in RH; variant in NW

meanie first entry in NW

medaled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

medalled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

medalist first entry in all

medallist unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

medieval first entry in all; **mediaeval** variant in all

meditator first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

meditater first entry in SC

memento first entry in all

momento unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of memento" in NW

mementos first entry in all; **mementoes** variant in all

menfolk first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **menfolks** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

meow first entry in all; **miaow** variant in all; **miaou** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **miaul** variant in RH; **meou** variant in NW

Mephistophelean first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH

Mephistophelian first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

merchandise first entry in all; **merchandize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

mescaline first entry in all; **mezcaline** variant in NW, RH, SC

mesquite first entry in all; **mesquit** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **mezquit** variant in SC; **mezquite** variant in SC

mestizos first entry in all; **mestizoes** variant in all

metaled, -ling first entry in all

metalled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

meter first entry in all; **metre** British in all

(The separate entries for **metre** in NC: "chiefly Brit var of METER," and in NW: "chiefly Brit sp of METER," suggest that the variant applies to all uses of the word. The other three dictionaries clearly exclude the variant for the meaning, as given in RH: "an instrument that automatically measures and registers a quantity consumed, distance traveled, degree of intensity, etc.")

methadone first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **methadon** variant in NC, RH

miasma first entry in all; **miasm** variant in SC

micron first entry in all; **mikron** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

mileage first entry in all; **milage** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

millionaire first entry in all; **millionnaire** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

millipede first entry in all; **millepede** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **milliped** variant in AH, SC; **milleped** variant in AH, SC

milquetoast (a timid man) first entry in all (capitalized in NC); **milktoast** variant in RH, SC

minable first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **mineable** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

minuscule first entry in all

miniscule unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of minuscule" in NW (RH lists only **minuscule** for this word, but a cross reference at the end of the entry for **majuscule** reads "Cf. miniscule")

misdemeanor first entry in all; **misdemeanour** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

mishmash first entry in all; **mishmosh** variant in NW, RH

missilery first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

missilry first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

missis first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

missus first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

misspelled first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **misspelt** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

miter first entry in all

mitre unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

mixable first entry in all; **mixible** variant in AH, RH, SC

mizzen first entry in all; **mizen** variant in all

mizzenmast first entry in all; **mizenmast** variant in AH, RH, SC

modeled, -ling first entry in all

modelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

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Mohammedan first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC

Muhammādan first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC; **Mahometan** variant in AH, NW, SC; **Muhammedan** variant in AH, SC

(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in RH. The single word "Muslim" is used to define **Mohammedan**, **Mahometan**, and **Muhammādan**, with "also **Muhammedan**" at the end of the entry for **Muhammādan**)

Mohave (North American Indian tribe) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **Mojave** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Mojave Desert first entry in all; **Mohave Desert** variant in all

mold first entry in all

mould unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

moldy first entry in all; **mouldy** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

mollusk first entry in all; **mollusc** variant in all

molt first entry in all

moult unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

monarchal first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **monarchical** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

(SC excluded: **monarchal** is given as an undefined derived form in the entry for **monarch**. "Also **monarchial**, **monarchic**" is included at the end of the entry for **monarchical**)

moneyed first entry in all; **monied** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

moneys first entry in all; **monies** variant in all (The two plurals are the subject of a usage note in AH)

mongoose first entry in all; **mungoose** variant in SC

moniker first entry in all; **monicker** variant in all

monogrammed, **-mming** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in SC

monogramed, **-ming** first entry in SC; variant in AH

monologue first entry in all; **monolog** variant in all

monologist first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

monologuist first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH

monometallism first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

monometallsm first entry in SC; variant in AH

mooch first entry in all

mouch unqualified in SC; British in AH

mood (grammatical use) first entry in all; **mode** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

moola first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH

moolah first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

Moriscos first entry in all; **Moriscoes** variant in all

morphine first entry in all

morphia unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; obsolete in AH; **morphin** variant in SC

mortgagor first entry in all; **mortgager** variant in all

mortise first entry in all; **mortice** variant in all

Moslem first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH

Muslim first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC; **Muslem** variant in AH, RH, SC (There is a usage note in AH)

mosque first entry in all; **mosk** variant in SC

mosquitoes first entry in all; **mosquitos** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

mottoes first entry in all; **mottos** variant in all

Mountie (Canadian law-enforcement officer) first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

Mounty first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW, RH

mousy first entry in all; **mousey** variant in all

movable first entry in all; **moveable** variant in all

Mozartean first entry in RH; **Mozartian** variant in RH

mug (the face, a photograph; to assault; to make funny faces) first entry in all; **mugg** variant in SC

mukluk first entry in all; **muckluck** variant in NC, RH; **mucluc** variant in RH

mulattoes first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH

mulattos first entry in AH; variant in NC

mullein first entry in all; **mullen** variant in NC, RH, SC

mumblety-peg first entry in AH, NC, SC

mumbletypeg first entry in NW, RH; **mumble-the-peg** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **mumble peg** variant in RH; **mumbledypeg** variant in RH; **mumble-peg** variant in SC

murk first entry in all; **mirk** variant in all

murky first entry in all; **mirky** variant in all

muscatel first entry in all; **muscadel** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **muscadelle** variant in RH

muskeg first entry in all; **maskeg** variant in AH, SC

muskellunge first entry in all; **maskalonge** variant in AH, RH, SC; **maskinonge** variant in AH, RH, SC; **muskallunge** variant in AH, SC; **maskanonge** variant in RH; **muskallonge** variant in RH; **mascalonge** variant in AH

mustache first entry in all

moustache unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC

mutt first entry in all; **mut** variant in AH, SC

muumuu (Hawaiian garment) first entry in all; **mumu** variant in NW; **mu-mu** variant in NW

muzhik first entry in all; **moujik** variant in all; **mujik** variant in all; **muzjik** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

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myna first entry in all; **mynah** variant in all; **mina** variant in AH, NW, SC; **minah** variant in NW

N

naïve first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

naïve first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

naïf unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; French in SC

naïf unqualified in AH, NW, RH; French in SC

naïveté first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

naïveté first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

naïvety variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **naïvety** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH;

naïvete variant in RH; **naivete** variant in NC

namable first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

nameable first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

nankeen first entry in all; **nankin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

nanny (nursemaid) first entry in all; **nannie** variant in NC

naphthalene first entry in all; **naphthaline** variant in AH, RH, SC; **naphthalin** variant in AH, RH

narc (short for "narcotic agent") first entry in NC; **nark** variant in NC; **narco** variant in NC

narcissism first entry in all; **narcism** variant in all

narghile first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **nargile** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **nargileh** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

narrator first entry in all; **narrater** variant in AH, RH, SC

narrow-gauge (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **narrow-gauged** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

narrow-gage unqualified in AH, SC; technical in RH

narrow-gaged unqualified in AH, SC; technical in RH

narwhal first entry in all; **narwal** variant in all; **narwhale** variant in all

naught first entry in all; **nought** variant in all

Navaho first entry in all; **Navajo** variant in all

Navahos first entry in all; **Navahoes** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Nazism first entry in all; **Naziism** variant in all

neckerchiefs first entry in NC; **neckerchieves** variant in NC

negator first entry in NC, NW, RH; **negater** variant in NC, NW, RH

neglector first entry in all; **neglecter** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

neglige first entry in all; **négligée** variant in AH, RH, SC; **negligé** variant in AH, NC; **négligé** French in SC

Negritos first entry in all; **Negritoes** variant in all

neighbor first entry in all; **neighbour** British in all
nerve-racking first entry in all; **nerve-wracking** variant in all
nervous Nellie first entry in NC, NW; **nervous Nelly** variant in NC
neuron first entry in all; **neurone** variant in all
Newburg (cooking term) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH (SC has an entry for *à la Newburg*); **Newburgh** variant in AH, NC
nickeled, -ling first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
nickelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
nicotine first entry in all; **nicotin** variant in SC
nictitate first entry in all; **nictate** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
nightie first entry in NC, NW, RH
nighty first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
niter first entry in all
nitre unqualified in NC, SC; British in AH, NW, RH
nitroglycerin first entry in all; **nitroglycerine** variant in all
noes (plural) first entry in all; **nos** variant in NC, NW, RH
nog (beverage) first entry in all; **nogg** variant in NW, RH, SC
nonesuch first entry in all; **nonsuch** variant in all
nonpartisan first entry in all; **nonpartizan** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
nonplused, -sing first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
nonplussed, -ssing first entry in NC; unqualified in NW, SC; **nonplused** in AH, RH
northward (adv) first entry in all; **northwards** variant in all
nosy first entry in all; **nosey** variant in all
notaries public first entry in all; **notary publics** variant in NC, NW
novitiate first entry in all
noviciate unqualified in AH, RH, SC; British in NW
noway first entry in all; **noways** variant in all
nudnik first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **nudnick** variant in AH, SC
numbness first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
numbedness first entry in SC
numskull first entry in all; **numbskull** variant in all
nursling first entry in all; **nurseling** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
nymphet first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **nymphette** variant in NC

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obligato first entry in all; **obligato** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

obeah first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

obi first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW; **obe** variant in SC; **obia** variant in SC

obstracter first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

obstructor first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

ocher first entry in all

ochre unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

octet first entry in all; **octette** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

odallsque first entry in all; **odalisk** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

odor first entry in all; **odour** British in all

oenology first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

enology first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH; **oinology** variant in AH, SC

off-color (adj) first entry in all; **off-colored** variant in NC

offendable first entry in RH; **offendible** variant in RH

offense first entry in all

offence unqualified in NC, RH; British in AH, NW, SC

offerer first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

offeror unqualified in AH, RH, SC; legal sense in NW

offhand (adj) first entry in all; **offhanded** variant in all

ogreish first entry in all; **ogrish** variant in NW, RH, SC

OK first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH

O.K. first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW, SC; **okay** variant in all

OK'd, **OK'ing** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH

O.K.'d, **O.K.'ing** first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW; **okayed**, **okaying** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

okey-doke first entry in NW, RH

okeydoke first entry in NC; **okey-dokey** variant in NW, RH; **okeydokey** variant in NC

oldie (old joke, song, etc.) first entry in NC, NW; **oldy** variant in NC, NW

oleomargarine first entry in all; **oleomargarin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

ombre first entry in AH, NC, SC; unqualified in NW; British in RH

omber first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, SC; **hombre** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

omelet first entry in all

omelette unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

one-armed bandit (slot machine) first entry in NC, NW, RH; **one-arm bandit** variant in NC, RH

- oneself** first entry in all; **one's self** variant in all
- onward** (adv) first entry in all; **onwards** variant in all
- orang-utan** first entry in AH, RH, SC
orangutan first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH; **orangoutang** variant in NW, RH; **orangutang** variant in AH, RH; **orangoutan** variant in AH, NC;
orang-outang variant in SC
- orangy** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **orangey** variant in NC, RH
- orchestrator** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **orchestrater** variant in NC, NW, RH
- organdy** first entry in all; **organdie** variant in all
- ornery** first entry in all; **onery** variant in SC
- orris** first entry in all; **orrice** variant in RH, SC
- orthopedics** first entry in all; **orthopaedics** variant in all
- outdoor** (adj) first entry in all; **outdoors** variant in NC, RH
- out-of-door** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
out-of-doors first entry in RH; variant in NC
- outside** (adj) first entry in all; **outsized** variant in all
- outward** (adv) first entry in all; **outwards** variant in all
- ouzel** first entry in all; **ousel** variant in all
- overseas** (adj) first entry in all
oversea unqualified in NC, SC; British in NW, RH; rare in AH
- oversize** (adj) first entry in all; **oversized** variant in all
- oxide** first entry in all; **oxid** variant in RH, SC

P

- pabulum** (insipid intellectual nourishment) first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH
pablum first entry in NW, RH
- paean** first entry in all; **pean** variant in AH, NW, SC
- pagoda** first entry in all; **pagod** variant in SC
- Paiute** first entry in all; **Piute** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- pajamas** first entry in all; **pyjamas** British in all
- palanquin** first entry in all; **palankeen** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- paleo-**, **paleo-** (e.g., **paleontology**) first entry in all
palaе-, **palaеo-** (e.g., **palaеontology**) unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; British in AH
- palestra** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
palaestra first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- palette** (painter's implement) first entry in all; **pallet** variant in AH, NW, SC

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palmettos first entry in all; **palmettoes** variant in all

panatela first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

panetela first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

panetella first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **panatella** variant in AH, NW, RH

pandemonium first entry in all; **pandaemonium** variant in AH, SC

pander (noun) first entry in all; **panderer** variant in all

paneled, -ling first entry in all

panelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

paneling (noun) first entry in all

panelling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

pannier first entry in all; **panier** variant in NC, NW, RH

pantalets first entry in all; **pantalettes** variant in all

panties first entry in NW, RH, SC

pantie first entry in AH, NC, both of which indicate "usually in the plural"; variant in NW, RH, SC; **panty** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

pantsuit first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **pants suit** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH;

pant suit variant in RH

papa first entry in all; **poppa** variant in NC

papaw first entry in all; **pawpaw** variant in all

papier-mâché first entry in all; **paper-mâché** variant in RH

papoose first entry in all; **pappoose** variant in AH, RH, SC

paprika first entry in all; **paprica** variant in SC

paradisiacal first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

paradisaic first entry in SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **paradisaical** variant in all;

paradisiac variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

paraffin first entry in all; **paraffine** variant in NW, RH, SC

parakeet first entry in all; **parrakeet** variant in all; **parroquet** variant in AH, SC;

paroquet variant in AH, SC; **parroket** variant in AH, SC; **paraquet** variant in AH, SC

paralleled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

paralleled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

paralyze first entry in all; **paralyse** British in NC, RH

paranoia first entry in all; **paranoea** variant in SC

paranoiac first entry in all; **paranoic** variant in SC; **paranoec** variant in SC

parceled, -ling first entry in all

parcelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

parlor first entry in all; **parlour** British in all

- parmigiana** (e.g., "veal parmigiana") first entry in NC, RH; **parmigiano** variant in NC, RH
- parti-colored** first entry in all; **party-colored** variant in NW, RH, SC
- partisan** first entry in all; **partizan** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- parvenu** (adj) first entry in all; **parvenue** variant in NC
- pasha** first entry in all; **pacha** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- passados** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **passadoes** variant in NC, NW, RH
- pastelist** first entry in all
 pastellist unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- pastille** first entry in all; **pastil** variant in all
- pastrami** first entry in all; **pastromi** variant in NC
- pasty** (British: a meat pie) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **pastie** variant in NW
- pat-a-cake** first entry in NW; **patty-cake** variant in NW
- pathogen** first entry in all; **pathogene** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- patina** (incrustation or film formed because of age or use) first entry in all; **patine** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- patty** (small pie, candy, meat cake) first entry in all; **pattie** variant in NC
- pavane** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
 pavan first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **pavin** variant in AH, NC, NW
- pawner** first entry in all; **pawnor** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- payer** first entry in all; **payor** variant in NC
- peasecod** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **peascod** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- peavey** first entry in all; **peavv** variant in all
- peccadilloes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
 peccadillos first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- pedagogue** first entry in all; **pedagog** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- pedaled, -ling** first entry in all
 pedalled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- peddler** first entry in all; **pedlar** variant in all; **pedler** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- pederast** first entry in all; **paederast** variant in RH, SC
- pedestaled, -ling** first entry in all
 pedestalled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- pediatrics** first entry in all
 paediatrics unqualified in SC; British in RH
- peen** (rounded head of hammer) first entry in all; **pein** variant in NC, RH

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- peg-top** (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **peg-topped** variant in NC
- Pekingese** first entry in all; **Pekinese** variant in all
- pemmican** first entry in all; **pemican** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- penciled**, **-ling** first entry in all
 pencilled, **-lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- pendant** (noun) first entry in all; **pendent** variant in all
- pendent** (adj) first entry in all; **pendant** variant in all
- peneplain** first entry in all; **peneplane** variant in all
- penology** first entry in all; **poenology** variant in AH, SC
- penuche** (a kind of candy) first entry in all; **panocha** variant in all; **penuchi** variant in AH, NW, SC; **panoche** variant in NC, NW; **penoche** variant in NC
- peperoni** first entry in RH; variant in NW
pepperoni first entry in NW; variant in RH
- pepsin** first entry in all; **pepsine** variant in AH, RH, SC
- perdu** first entry in all; **perdue** variant in all
- periled**, **-ling** first entry in all
 perilled, **-lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- peritoneum** first entry in all; **peritonaeum** variant in AH, SC
- perlite** first entry in all; **pearlite** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- peroxide** first entry in all; **peroxid** variant in AH, SC
- persnickety** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 pernickety first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- petaled** first entry in all; **petalled** variant in all
- petit bourgeois** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **petty bourgeois** variant in AH, NW
- petit jury** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
 petty jury first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
- petit larceny** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH
 petty larceny first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW
 (SC excluded, since separate entries for these two spellings carry cross references to larceny, in which entry "petty (or petit) larceny" is included in the definition)
- petits fours** first entry in all; **petit fours** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- peewee** first entry in all; **peewee** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- peyote** first entry in all; **peyotl** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- phantasm** first entry in all; **fantasm** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- phantasmagoria** first entry in all; **phantasmagory** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC;
 fantasmagoria variant in RH, SC

- phantom** first entry in all; **fantom** variant in all
- pharmacopoeia** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
pharmacopeia first entry in NW; variant in RH
- philanderer** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
philander first entry in SC; rare in NW
- philter** first entry in all
philtre unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in NW, RH
- phoenix** first entry in all; **phenix** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- phony** first entry in all; **phoney** variant in all
- photostated**, **-ting** first entry in AH, NW, SC; **photostatted**, **-tting** variant in AH, NW, SC
- pi** (printing term) first entry in all
pie unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
- pickaninny** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC
piccaninny unqualified in SC; British in RH; **picaninny** variant in NC, RH
- pickax** first entry in all; **pickaxe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- pidgin** first entry in all
pigeon unqualified in NW; "not in technical use" in RH
- piggy** (noun) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **piggie** variant in NW, SC
- piggyback** (1. on the back or shoulders; 2. relating to the carrying of one vehicle by another) first entry in all; **pickaback** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, and for 1 only in RH, SC
- pilaf** first entry in all; **pilau** variant in all; **pilaff** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **pilaw** variant in AH, NW, SC
- pilsner** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
pilsener first entry in NW; variant in NC, RH, SC
- pimento cheese** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **pimiento cheese** variant in RH
- pimiento** (a sweet pepper or its fruit) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
pimento first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- pincers** first entry in all; **pinchers** variant in all
- pinkie** (the little finger) first entry in all; **pinky** variant in all
- pinkos** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **pinkoes** variant in NC, RH
- pinocle** first entry in all; **pinocle** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **penucle** variant in AH, NW, SC; **penuckle** variant in AH, NW, SC
- piñon** first entry in all; **pinyon** variant in AH, NC, SC; **pinion** variant in NC
- pintados** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **pintadoes** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- pintos** first entry in all; **pintoes** variant in AH, NC
- pint-size** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **pint-sized** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

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- piny** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
piney first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- pipage** first entry in all; **pipeage** variant in AH, NC
- pipette** first entry in all; **pipet** variant in all
- piranha** first entry in all; **piraña** variant in AH, SC; **piraya** variant in SC
- pistachio** first entry in all; **pistache** variant in AH, RH, SC
- pistoled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
pistolled, -lling unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- pistol-whipped** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **pistol-whipt** variant in SC
- pitapat** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
pit-a-pat first entry in NC; **pitty-pat** variant in SC
- pixieish** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
pixyish first entry in RH; variant in NW
- pixy** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
pixie first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- pizzazz** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW
pizazz first entry in NW; variant in NC; **pazazz** variant in NW; **bezazz** variant in NW
- placebos** first entry in all; **placeboes** variant in all
- plagny** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
plaguey first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC
- plasma** first entry in all
plasm unqualified for all meanings in AH, NC, SC; restricted uses in RH and NW
- plastically** first entry in all; **plasticly** variant in RH
- plebe** (freshman at U.S. Military or Naval Academy) first entry in all; **pleb** variant in AH, NW, SC
- electronm** first entry in all; **electron** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- plenitude** first entry in all; **plentitnde** variant in NC
- plow** first entry in all
plough unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- plnmb** (e.g., "plnmb tired") first entry in all; **plnm** variant in AH, RH, SC
- pluses** first entry in NC, NW, SC; **plusses** variant in NC, NW
- pocketfnls** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **pocketsful** variant in AH
- poets laureate** first entry in all; **poet lanreates** variant in AH, NC, NW
- pokey** (jail) first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
poky first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
- poky** (adj; slow) first entry in all; **pokey** variant in all
- poleax** first entry in all; **poleaxe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

- polioencephalitis** first entry in RH, SC; **poliencephalitis** variant in RH, SC
- Politburo** first entry in all (lower case in AH, NC); **Politbureau** variant in RH
- politicos** first entry in all; **politicoes** variant in NC
- pollack** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
- pollock** first entry in AH; unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- pollinate** first entry in all; **pollenate** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- polliwog** first entry in all; **pollywog** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- polyglotism** first entry in AH, NC, SC; **polyglottism** variant in AH, NC
- pomelo** first entry in all; **pumelo** variant in RH
- pommel** (noun) first entry in all; **pummel** variant in AH, RH, SC
- Pompeian** first entry in all; **Pompeian** variant in NC, RH
- pompon** (decorative tuft of wool, feathers, etc.) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
- pompom** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW
- pontoon** first entry in all
- ponton** unqualified in NC, RH; U.S. in NW, SC
- porcelaneous** first entry in all; **porcellaneous** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- portaled** first entry in RH; **portalled** variant in RH
- porticoes** first entry in all; **porticos** variant in all
- postfixal** first entry in AH, RH; **postfixial** variant in AH, RH
- postilion** first entry in all
- postillion** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- postmasters general** first entry in all; **postmaster generals** variant in NW
- poteen** first entry in all; **potheen** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **potteen** variant in SC
- potsherd** first entry in all; **potshard** variant in AH, SC
- poulard** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
- poularde** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH
- potter** (breed of pigeon) first entry in all; **powter** variant in SC
- practice** (verb) first entry in all
- practise** unqualified in NC, RH, SC; British in AH, NW
- practice** (noun) first entry in all
- practise** unqualified in AH, NC; British in SC
- preceptorial** first entry in all; **preceptoral** variant in RH
- predaceous** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
- predaceous** first entry in NC (but the second definition reads "*usu predacious: tending to devour or despoil: rapacious*"); unqualified in AH, NW, SC; "Esp. Biol." in RH
- preemie** (premature infant) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **premie** variant in AH, NC, RH

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- prefect** first entry in all; **praefect** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- premiere** (noun) first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
 première first entry in AH, NW; variant in RH, SC
- premiere** (verb) first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
 première first entry in AH, NW; variant in RH, SC
 (AH: "Première, as a verb, is unacceptable to 86 per cent of the Usage Panel.")
 premier variant in NC
- premise** (noun) first entry in all; **premiss** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- pretense** first entry in all
 pretence unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- preterit** first entry in all; **preterite** variant in all
- preventable** first entry in all; **preventible** variant in all
- preventive** first entry in all; **preventative** variant in all
- preview** first entry in all
 prevue unqualified for noun and verb in AH, NW, RH, SC; restricted to single meaning "a showing of snatches from a motion picture" in NC
- prier** first entry in all; **pryer** variant in all
- primeval** first entry in all; **prymaeval** variant in RH
- princess** (adj: dressmaking term) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
 princesse first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- prize** (to raise by applying leverage) first entry in all
 prise unqualified in AH, RH, SC; British in NC, NW
- processible** first entry in NC; **processable** variant in NC
- processor** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **processer** variant in AH, NW, SC
- producible** first entry in all; **produceable** variant in RH
- program** first entry in all
 programme unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- programmatic** first entry in all; **programatic** variant in SC
- programmed, -mning** first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in SC; "esp. Brit. and Computer Technol." in RH
 programed, -ming first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
- programmer** first entry in all; **programer** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- prohibiter** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **prohibitor** variant in NW, RH
- prolifically** first entry in all; **prolificly** variant in RH
- prologue** first entry in all; **prolog** variant in NC, RH, SC
- prologuize** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 prologize first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- pronunciamentos** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **pronunciamientos** variant in NC

- propellant** (noun) first entry in all
propellent variant for all meanings in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant for single meaning "a solid or liquid fuel that serves to propel a rocket, guided missile, etc." in SC
- propellent** (adj) first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
propellant first entry in AH, NC
- propeller** first entry in all; **propellor** variant in AH, NC
- prophecy** (noun) first entry in all; **prophecy** variant in NC
- proselytize** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
proselyte first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- prosit** first entry in all; **proost** variant in NC, NW, SC
- protector** first entry in all; **protecter** variant in AH, SC
- protester** first entry in all
protestor unqualified in NC, NW; capitalized and restricted to one meaning "Scotsman who protested . . . in 1650" in SC
- prothalamion** first entry in all; **prothalamium** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- prothonotary** first entry in all; **protonotary** variant in all
- protocolled, -ling** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW
protocollle', -lling first entry in NW; variant in AH, SC
- protozoan** (noun) first entry in all; **protozoon** variant in all
- provisos** first entry in all; **provisoos** variant in all
- psaltery** first entry in all; **psaltry** variant in AH, NC
- psych** (to outguess, intimidate) first entry in AH, NC, NW; **psyche** variant in NC
- psychedelic** first entry in all; **psychodelic** variant in NW, RH
- ptomaine** first entry in all; **ptomain** variant in AH, SC
- pudgy** first entry in all
podgy unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- pukka** first entry in all; **pucka** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- pulsimeter** first entry in all; **pulsometer** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- pummel** (verb) first entry in NC, NW; variant in SC
pommel first entry in SC; variant in NC, NW
 (The status of these two spellings is clearly indicated in the three dictionaries represented above. In RH and AH the separate entries for the two words suggest that the two spellings are interchangeable.
 RH: **pummel**: "to beat or thrash with or as if with the fists"; **pommel**: "to beat or strike with or as with the fists or a pommel"
 AH: **pummel**: "to pommel"; **pommel**: "to beat, pummel")
- pummeled, -ling** (or **pommeled, -ling**) first entry in all
pummelled, -lling (or **pommelled, -lling**) unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

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pumpkin first entry in all

punkin unqualified in NC; regional in AH

punch card first entry in NC, NW, RH

punched card first entry in AH; variant in NC, RH

punchinellos first entry in AH, NW, SC; **punchinellos** variant in AH, SC

punkie (gnat, midge) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

punky first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC; **punkey** variant in AH, SC

pupilage first entry in all; **pupillage** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

pardah first entry in all; **purda** variant in RH; **pardah** variant in RH

pureblood (adj) first entry in NC; **pure-blooded** variant in NC

purl (knitting term) first entry in all

pearl unqualified in AH, RH, SC; obsolete in NW

purlin first entry in all; **purline** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

purr first entry in all; **pur** variant in RH, SC

put-put first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW

putt-putt first entry in NW; variant in RH

puttee first entry in all; **putty** variant in AH, RH, SC

putter (verb) first entry in all

potter unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

pygmaean first entry in NC, NW, RH; **pygmean** variant in NC, NW, RH

pygmy first entry in all; **pigmy** variant in all

pyorrhea first entry in all; **pyorrhoea** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Q

quahog first entry in all; **quahaug** variant in all; **quohog** variant in NW; **cohog** variant in SC

quarreled, -ling first entry in all

quarrelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

quarreler first entry in all

quarreller unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

quartet first entry in all

quartetfe unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

queasy first entry in all; **queazy** variant in AH, NC

quetzal first entry in all; **quezal** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

queue (file of people waiting in line) first entry in all; **cue** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

queuing (pres. part.) first entry in all; **queueing** variant in NC

quiniela first entry in NC; variant in NW

quinnella first entry in NW; variant in NC

quinine first entry in all; **quinin** variant in SC

quintet first entry in all; **quintette** variant in all

R

rabato first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

rebato first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

rabbel first entry in all; **rebate** variant in all

rabbi first entry in all

rabbin unqualified in AH, NC, SC; archaic in NW, RH

rabbis first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **rabbies** variant in NW, SC

raccoon first entry in all; **racoona** variant in all

racket (implement used in net games) first entry in all; **racquet** variant in all

raffia first entry in all; **raphia** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

raisable first entry in RH; **raiseable** variant in RH

rajah first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

raja first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Ramadan first entry in all

Ramazan unqualified in AH, NW, SC; "in India" in RH; **Ramadhan** variant in AH, SC

ramekin first entry in all; **ramequin** variant in all

rancor first entry in all; **rancour** British in all

rani first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

rahee first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

rarefy first entry in all; **rarify** variant in NC

raspberry (informal: "Bronx cheer") first entry in all; **razzberry** variant in AH, SC

ratable first entry in all; **rateable** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

rat-a-tat first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

rat-a-tat-tat first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

ratchet first entry in all; **rachet** variant in NC

ratline first entry in all; **ratlin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **rat-lin** variant in RH;

rattling variant in RH

rattan first entry in all; **ratan** variant in NW, RH, SC

raveled, -ling first entry in all

ravelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

raven (to plunder; to devour greedily) first entry in all; **ravin** variant in NW, RH, SC

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- ravin** (the act of preying; something plundered) first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
raven first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
- raze** first entry in all
rase unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
- razor-backed** (adj) first entry in NC; **razorback** variant in NC
- ready-mix** (adj) first entry in NW, RH, SC; **ready-mixed** variant in RH
- rearward** (adv) first entry in all; **rearwards** variant in all
- rebatable** first entry in RH; **rebateable** variant in RH
- rebec** first entry in all; **rebeck** variant in all
- reconnaissance** first entry in all; **reconnoissance** variant in AH, RH, SC
- reconnoiter** first entry in all; **reconnoitre** British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- redd** (to set in order) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **red** variant in AH, NW, SC
- redressable** first entry in NW, RH; **redressible** variant in RH
- redresser** first entry in all; **redressor** variant in AH, RH, SC
- red-winged blackbird** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
redwing blackbird first entry in NC; variant in NW
- referable** first entry in all; **referrable** variant in NW, RH, SC; **referrible** variant in NW, SC
- reflection** first entry in all
reflexion unqualified in SC; British in AH, NC, NW, RH
- refueled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
refuelled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
- registrable** first entry in all; **registerable** variant in RH
- regrettable** (-bly) first entry in all; **regretable** (-bly) variant in RH
- reinforce** first entry in all; **reenforce** variant in all; **re-enforce** variant in AH, NW, RH;
reënforce variant in AH, NW, RH
- rejecter** first entry in all; **rejector** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- remodeled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
remodelled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
- rémoulade** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **remolade** variant in AH, NW
- renaissance** first entry in all; **renascence** variant in all
- Renaissance** first entry in all; **Renascence** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- renege** first entry in all; **renig** variant in NC
- renounceable** first entry in RH; **renunciable** variant in RH
- rep** (corded cloth) first entry in all; **repp** variant in all

- reparable first entry in all; repairable variant in AH, SC
(AH and SC use the standard indication of a variant, "also repairable," with this entry. NC, NW, and RH hint at this status by defining reparable as "capable of being repaired," and including repairable as an undefined adjectival form at the end of the entry for repair)
- repellent first entry in all; repellant variant in NC, NW, RH
- represser first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
repressor first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
- requester first entry in NC, RH; requestor variant in NC
- resalable first entry in NC, NW, RH; resaleable variant in RH
- resistible first entry in all; resistable variant in NC
- restaurateur first entry in all; restauranteur variant in NC
- résumé first entry in all; resume variant in NC, NW, RH; resumé variant in NC, NW
- retractable first entry in all; retractible variant in AH, RH, SC
- reveled, -ling first entry in all
revelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- reveler first entry in all
reveller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- reverie first entry in all; revery variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- revers first entry in all; reverse variant in all
- revisable first entry in AH, NC, RH; revisible variant in RH
- reviser first entry in all; revisor variant in all
- revocable first entry in all; revokable variant in all
- revue first entry in all; review variant in all
- rhyme first entry in all; rime variant in all
- rhymester first entry in all; rimester variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- riboflavin first entry in all; riboflavine variant in NW, RH
- rickrack first entry in all; rickrac variant in NC, RH
- rickshaw first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
ricksha first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; rikshaw variant in RH;
rikisha variant in RH
- ricocheted, -ting first entry in all
ricochetted, -ting unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- ridable first entry in all; rideable variant in NC, NW
- right-angled (adj) first entry in all; right-angle variant in NC, NW
- rights-of-way first entry in NC, RH; right-of-ways variant in NC

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- rigmarole** first entry in all; **rigamarole** variant in all
rigor first entry in all; **rigour** British in all
rill (narrow valley on surface of the moon) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
 rille first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
rinky-dink first entry in NW; **rinky-tink** variant in NW
rinsable first entry in AH, RH; **rinsible** variant in AH, RH
riposte first entry in all; **ripost** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
rival, **-ling** first entry in all
 rivalled, **-ling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
rock-and-roll first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
rock 'n' roll first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
 rock-'n'-roll first entry in RH; **rock and roll** variant in NC
rocketeer first entry in all; **rocketer** variant in RH
rodomontade first entry in all; **rhodomontade** variant in AH, NC
roentgen first entry in all; **röntgen** variant in AH, NC, SC (NW and RH, by capitalizing the secondary spelling, suggest that the variant applies only to the name of the German physicist)
roguing (pres. part.) first entry in all; **rogueing** variant in NC
roister first entry in all; **royster** variant in NC
Romansch first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
 Romansh first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
Romany first entry in all; **Rommany** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
ruble first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
 rouble first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
ruche first entry in all; **rouche** variant in AH, SC
Rumanian first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
 Romanian first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **Roumanian** variant in all
rumba first entry in all; **rhumba** variant in all
rumor first entry in all; **rumour** British in all
rustically first entry in all; **rusticly** variant in RH

S

- saber** first entry in all
 sabre unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC
saccharin (noun) first entry in all; **saccharine** variant in NW, SC
sack (loose fitting dress or jacket) first entry in all; **sacque** variant in all

- saguaro** first entry in all; **sahuaro** variant in AH, NW, SC
- Saharan** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **Saharian** variant in RH
- sake** (Japanese fermented beverage) first entry in all; **saki** variant in all; **saké** variant in RH
- salable** first entry in all; **saleable** variant in all
- salmagundi** first entry in all; **salmagundy** variant in AH, SC
- salmi** first entry in all; **salmis** variant in AH, RH, SC
- salt peter** first entry in all
saltpetre unqualified in RH; British in AH, NW, SC
- salvos** first entry in all; **salvoes** variant in all
- Samoyed** (breed of dog) first entry in all; **Samoyede** variant in all
- sanatorium** (an institution for the treatment of chronic diseases) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
sanitarium first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, SC; **sanatarium** variant in AH, NC; **sanitorium** variant in NC
 (See separate entry below: **sanitarium**)
- sandated** first entry in NW, RH, SC
sandalled unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
- sandbur** first entry in all; **sandburr** variant in NW, RH, SC
- sanguineous** (pertaining to or containing blood) first entry in all; **sanguinous** variant in RH
- sanitarium** (a health resort) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC, SC
sanatorium first entry in NC, SC; unqualified in AH, RH; British in NW;
sanitorium variant in NC; **sanatarium** variant in NC
 (See separate entry above: **sanatorium**. Spelling preference based on meaning is found in RH and AH. The main entry carrying all definitions is **sanatorium** in NC and **sanitarium** in NW. Under the main entry **sanatorium**, SC notes the distinction that is sometimes made but adds that "the words are often used interchangeably." The British tag found in NW for **sanatorium** echoes Fowler's note that **sanitarium** is the usual U.S. spelling (*Modern English Usage*, second edition, 534). Fowler disposes of **sanatarium** by linking it with two other derivatives which "do not exist.")
- Sanskrit** first entry in all; **Sanscrit** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- Santa Claus** first entry in all; **Santa Klaus** variant in NW
- saraband** first entry in all; **sarabande** variant in NC, RH, SC
- sari** first entry in all; **saree** variant in NC, NW, SC
- satinet** first entry in all; **satinette** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- saturator** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
saturater first entry in RH, SC
- sauerkraut** first entry in all; **sourcraut** variant in AH, SC

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sautéed first entry in all; **sautéd** variant in NC

sauterne first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

sauternes first entry in RH (capitalized); variant in AH, NW, SC

savable first entry in all; **saveable** variant in all

savanna first entry in all; **savannah** variant in all

savior first entry in all

saviour unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC

savor first entry in all

savour unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

savory (adj, noun) first entry in all

savoury unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

scalawag first entry in all; **scallywag** variant in all

scallawag unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

scallop first entry in all; **scollup** variant in all

scaloppine first entry in AH, NW, RH

scallopini first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH; **scaloppini** variant in AH;

scaloppeni variant in NW

Scaramouch first entry in all; **Scaramouche** variant in NC, RH

scarfs (headaddresses, cloth runners, sashes, etc.) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

scarves first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

(**Scarfs** is the only plural given for the word as used in carpentry: "a lapped joint notching two timbers at the end")

scary first entry in all; **scarey** variant in NC

scepter first entry in all; **sceptre** British in all

schist first entry in all; **shist** variant in AH, SC

schlemiel first entry in all; **schlemihl** variant in NW, RH, SC; **shlemiel** variant in RH;

shlemiehl variant in NC

schlock first entry in AH, NC, NW; **shlock** variant in NC

schmaltz first entry in all; **schmalz** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **shmaltz** variant in NW

schmo first entry in all; **schmoe** variant in all; **shmo** variant in AH

schmooze first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

schmoose first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH; **schmoos** variant in NW, RH

schnapps first entry in all; **schnaps** variant in NW, SC; **shnaps** variant in RH

schnook first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **shnook** variant in NW

schoolmarm first entry in all; **schoolma'am** variant in all

scimitar first entry in all; **scimiter** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **simitar** variant in NW, RH, SC; **scimeter** variant in SC

- scion** (bud or twig used for grafting) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
cion first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- Scotsman** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
Scotchman first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (Usage note in AH: "sometimes considered mildly offensive")
- sculpt** (verb) first entry in all; **sculp** variant in NW, RH, SC
- seamstress** first entry in all
sempstress unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; rare in AH
- seaward** (adv) first entry in all; **seawards** variant in all
- secretariat** first entry in all; **secretariate** variant in AH, RH, SC
- seducible** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **seduceable** variant in AH, RH, SC
- seedsman** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **seedman** variant in NW, RH, SC
- selfward** (adv) first entry in NW, RH; **selfwards** variant in NW, RH
- selvage** first entry in all; **seldedge** variant in all
- semestral** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **semestrial** variant in NC, RH
- semiology** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
semeiology first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
- Semite** first entry in all
Shemite unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; rare in NW
- sentineled, -ling** first entry in all
sentinelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
- septet** first entry in all
septette unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH
- septicemia** first entry in all; **septicaemia** variant in RH, SC
- sepulcher** first entry in all
sepulchre unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- sequined** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **sequinned** variant in NC, NW
- serape** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
sarape first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- sere** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
sear first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- sergeant** first entry in all
serjeant unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- sergeants major** first entry in NC, NW; **sergeant majors** variant in NC
- servable** first entry in RH; **serveable** variant in RH
- sewage** first entry in all; **sewerage** variant in all
- sextet** first entry in all; **sextette** variant in NW, RH, SC
- shakable** first entry in all; **shakeable** variant in all

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Shakespeare first entry in all; **Shakspere** variant in all; **Shakespere** variant in NW, SC; **Shakspeare** variant in SC; **Shakespear** variant in RH (NW adds "etc." after its second variant entry)

Shakespearean first entry in all; **Shakespearian** variant in all; **Shaksperian** variant in NC, RH; **Shaksperean** variant in NC

shako first entry in all; **shacko** variant in AH, SC

shakos first entry in all; **shakoes** variant in AH, NC, RH

shalom first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **sholom** variant in NC, NW

shamable first entry in RH; **shameable** variant in RH

shapable first entry in NC, RH; **shapeable** variant in NC, RH

sharable first entry in RH; variant in NC

shareable first entry in NC; variant in RH

shard (1. potsherd; broken pottery; 2. tough sheath; wing covering of beetle) first entry in all
sherd variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, RH, and for 1 only in SC (But NC adds "usu **sherd**: fragments of pottery vessels found on sites")

sharpie first entry in all (SC has a definition for "a long, sharp, flat-bottomed sail-boat" but not one for "an alert, sharp-witted person"); **sharpy** variant for both meanings in NC, RH

shashlik first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **shashlick** variant in AH, NC, RH; **shaslik** variant in NC, RH

shavable first entry in RH; **shaveable** variant in RH

sheathe (verb) first entry in all; **sheath** variant in all

shedable first entry in RH; **sheddable** variant in RH

sheeny (offensive term for a Jew) first entry in AH, RH; **sheeney** variant in RH; **sheenie** variant in RH

sheepcote first entry in all; **sheepcot** variant in NW, SC

sheik first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

sheikh first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (Note in NC: "usu **sheik**: a man held to be irresistibly attractive to romantic young women")

shellac first entry in all; **shellack** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **shell-lac** variant in AH, SC

sheltie first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH

shelty first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

sherbet first entry in all; **sherbert** variant in NC

shier, **shiest** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH

shyer, **shyest** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

shillelagh first entry in all; **shillalah** variant in all; **shillelah** variant in NW, RH, SC; **shillala** variant in RH, SC; **shillealah** variant in SC

shinny (variety of hockey) first entry in all; **shinney** variant in NC, NW, SC

shish kebab first entry in all; **shish kabob** variant in AH, NW; **shish kebob** variant in AH

shivaree first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
charivari first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **chivaree** variant in AH, RH, SC; **charivaree** variant in RH; **chivari** variant in RH

shoat first entry in all; **shote** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

shofar first entry in all; **shophar** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

shoot-the-chutes (noun) first entry in NC

chute-the-chute first entry in NW; **shoot-the-chute** variant in NW

shoreward (adv) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **shorewards** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

shorty first entry in NC, NW, RH; **shortie** variant in NC, NW, RH

shoveled, -ling first entry in all
shovelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

shoveler first entry in all
shoveller unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

shovelfuls first entry in NC, NW, RH; **shovelsful** variant in NC

shriveled, -ling first entry in all
shrivelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

shtick first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **schtick** variant in NC, NW, SC; **schtik** variant in NW

shuffleboard first entry in all; **shovelboard** variant in AH, SC

shyly first entry in all; **shily** variant in AH, SC

sic (e.g., "Sic 'em, Fido") first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
sick first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

sickly (adv) first entry in all; **sicklily** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

sideling first entry in all; **sidling** variant in NC

sideward (adv) first entry in all; **sidewards** variant in all

signaled, -ling first entry in all
signalled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

signaler first entry in all
signaller unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

siliceous first entry in all; **silicious** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

silkaline first entry in NC, RH, SC; **silkoline** variant in NC, RH; **silkolene** variant in RH; **sikalene** variant in SC

silviculture first entry in all; **sylviculture** variant in NC, RH

siphon first entry in all; **syphon** variant in all

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sirocco first entry in all; **scirocco** variant in AH, NC

sissiness first entry in RH; **sissyness** variant in RH

Sisyphcan first entry in all; **Sisyphian** variant in NC

sizable first entry in all; **sizeable** variant in all

skald first entry in all; **scald** variant in all

skein (loosely coiled length of yarn or thread wound on a reel) first entry in all;
skean variant in NC; **skeane** variant in NC

skeptic first entry in all
sceptic unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

skeptical first entry in all
sceptical unqualified in RH, SC; British in NW

ski first entry in all
skee unqualified in SC; rare in NW

skiddoo first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **skidoo** variant in NC

skied (past tense, past part. of "to sky") first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **skyed**
variant in NC, NW

skillful first entry in all
skilful unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

skill-less first entry in NC, RH, SC; **skilless** variant in NC, RH

skim milk first entry in all; **skimmed milk** variant in NC, NW, RH

skivvy (men's T-shirt, underwear) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **scivvy** variant in RH

skulduggery first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
skullduggery first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH; **sculduggery** variant in
RH; **scullduggery** variant in RH

skulk first entry in all; **sculk** variant in RH

skyey first entry in all; **skiey** variant in NC

skyward (adv) first entry in all; **skywards** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

slakable first entry in RH; **slakeable** variant in RH

slew (a large number) first entry in all; **slue** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

slier, **stiest** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
slyer, **slyest** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

slimsy first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **slimpsy** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

slobber first entry in all; **slabber** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

slough (marshy pond, backwater, bayou) first entry in all; **slew** variant in all; **slue**
variant in all

slough (noun: something cast off or shed; verb: to cast off, discard) first entry in all;
sluff variant for all meanings in NC, and limited to card game meanings in RH

slue (verb: turn or twist to the side; noun: this act or position) first entry in all; **slew** variant in all

slumberous first entry in all; **slumbrous** variant in all

stily first entry in all; **stifty** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

smart aleck first entry in all; **smart alec** variant in NW; **smart-alec** variant in RH

smarly first entry in NC, NW, RH; **smartie** variant in NC

smearcase first entry in all; **smiercase** variant in NC, RH

smidgen first entry in all; **smidgin** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **smidgeon** variant in AH, NC, NW

smokable first entry in NC, NW, RH; **smokeable** variant in NC, NW, RH

smoky first entry in all; **smokey** variant in NC

smolder first entry in all

smoulder unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

smoothie first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

smoothy first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

snail's pace first entry in RH; variant in SC

snail pace first entry in SC

snath first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **snathe** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

snicker first entry in all; **snigger** variant in all

sniveled, -ling first entry in all

snivelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

sniveler first entry in all

sniveller unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH

snorkel first entry in all; **schnorkel** variant for all noun and verb uses in NC, and for one noun use ("a device permitting a submarine to remain submerged") in RH; **schmorkle** variant (with preceding restriction) in RH

sobriquet first entry in all; **soubriquet** variant in all

socks (short stockings) first entry in all; **sox** variant in all

soft-pedaled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

soft-pedalled, -ling unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

sofky first entry in all; **softie** variant in NC, NW, RH

soigné first entry in all

soignée unqualified in NC, RH; feminine in AH, NW

solicitor first entry in all; **soliciter** variant in SC

somber first entry in all

sombre unqualified in AH, NC; British in NW, RH, SC

somersault first entry in all; **summersault** variant in all; **somerset** variant in all; **summerset** variant in AH, RH, SC

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- someway** first entry in all; **someways** variant in all
- soreheaded** (adj) first entry in SC; variant in NC
sorehead first entry in NC
- southward** (adv) first entry in all; **southwards** variant in all
- sovereign** first entry in all
sovrán unqualified in NC; poetic in AH, SC; literary in RH; rare in NW
- spandrel** first entry in all; **spandril** variant in AH, NC, SC
- spate** first entry in all; **spait** variant in AH, SC
- spatial** first entry in all; **spacial** variant in all
- specs** (eyeglasses) first entry in all; **specks** variant in AH, SC
- specter** first entry in all
spectre unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- speleology** first entry in all; **spelaeology** variant in RH
- spelled** first entry in all
spelt unqualified in AH, NW, RH, SC; British in NC
- spew** first entry in all; **spue** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- spic** (offensive term for a Spanish-American) first entry in AH, RH; variant in SC
spick first entry in SC; variant in AH, RH; **spik** variant in RH
- spick-and-span** first entry in all; **spic-and-span** variant in AH, NC
- spicy** first entry in all; **spicey** variant in RH
- spiffy** (smart, spruce) first entry in all; **spiffing** variant in RH
- spilled** first entry in all; **spilt** variant in all
- spindrift** first entry in all
spoondrift unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; “early form of” in NW
- spiraled, -ling** first entry in all
spiralled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- spirea** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
spiraea first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- spirochete** first entry in all; **spirochaete** variant in all
- spit and image** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
spitting image first entry in AH; variant in RH, SC; “alteration of” in NW
 (First entry/variant status is unclear in NC, which has no entry for **spit and image**. However, it has an entry for **spitting image**, defined “spit and image,” with a cross reference to the second definition for the fourth entry for **spit**, which is “perfect likeness”)
- spitzenburg** (a variety of apple) first entry in AH, SC; **spitzenberg** variant in AH, SC
- splendor** first entry in all; **splendour** British in all
- splendorous** first entry in all; **splendrous** variant in all

- splint** (noun) first entry in all; **splent** variant in NC
- spoiled** first entry in all; **spoilt** variant in all
- spoonfuls** first entry in all; **spoonsful** variant in NC
- spoony** first entry in all; **spooney** variant in all
- sports car** first entry in all; **sport car** variant in NC, NW, RH
- sport shirt** first entry in RH, SC; **sports shirt** variant in RH, SC
- sprier, spriest** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
sprier, spriest first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- springbok** first entry in all; **springbuck** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- sprite** first entry in all; **spright** variant in AH, SC
- spumone** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
spumoni first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
- spurt** first entry in all
spirt unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; British in AH
- squeegee** first entry in all
squidgee unqualified in NC, RH, SC; nautical in NW; **squillagee** variant in RH, SC; **squillgee** variant in RH
- squirearchy** first entry in all; **squirarchy** variant in all
- squirrely** first entry in AH, NC, NW
squirrely first entry in SC; variant in NW
- staff** (set of lines on which music is written) first entry in all; **stave** variant in all
- stagy** first entry in all; **stagey** variant in all
- stanch** (verb) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
staunch first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
 (See note below for **staunch**)
- starlit** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
starlight first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH
- statable** first entry in NC, NW; **stateable** variant in NC
- State's attorney** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
State attorney first entry in AH, NC
- staunch** (adj) first entry in all; **stanch** variant in all
 (SC: "The spelling **stanch** is preferred for the verb in both England and the United States, and **staunch** for the adj, although many writers use one or the other spelling for both." AH: "**Staunch** is more common than **stanch** as the spelling of the adj. The reverse is true of the verb **stanch**, meaning to stop the flow." NW: "For the adj, **staunch** is now the prevailing form in the U.S.; for the verb, usage is about evenly divided between **staunch** and **stanch**.")
- steadfast** first entry in all
sed fast unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "earlier var. of" in NW
- stearin** first entry in all; **stearine** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

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- steenbok first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
 steinbok first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; steinbuck variant in SC; steenbuck variant in NW
- stèle (stone slab bearing an inscription) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 stela first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- stenciled, -ling first entry in all
 stencilled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- sterilize first entry in all; sterilise British in NW, RH, SC
- sternward (adv) first entry in all; sternwards variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- sties (plural of sty: "pen for enclosing swine") first entry in all; stykes variant in NC
- stiletto first entry in all; stillettoes variant in all
- stimulator first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in RH
 stimulator first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
- stockinet first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
 stockinette first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC
- stogy first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
 stogie first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC; stogey variant in AH, RH, SC
- stonable first entry in RH; stoneable variant in RH
- stony first entry in all; stoney variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- storied (e.g., "a two-storied building") first entry in all
 storeyed unqualified in NC, SC; British in RH
- story (of a building) first entry in all
 storey unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
- straightforward (adv) first entry in all; straightforwards variant in all
- strait jacket first entry in AH, RH, SC
 straitjacket first entry in NC, NW; straight jacket variant in AH, RH;
 straightjacket variant in NC, NW
- strait-laced first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
 straitlaced first entry in NC; straight-laced variant in NW, RH; straightlaced variant in NC
- streamlined (adj) first entry in all; streamline variant for all uses in AH and NW, and for single meaning "designed to offer the least resistance to a flow of fluid, as air, etc." in SC
- stringhalt first entry in all; springhalt variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- strychnine first entry in all; strychnin variant in SC
- stuccoes first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
 stuccos first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- St. Vitus's dance first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH
 St. Vitus' dance first entry in AH; variant in SC
 Saint Vitus's dance first entry in NC
 Saint Vitus' dance first entry in NW; St. Vitus dance variant in RH, SC

- sty** (inflamed eyelid) first entry in all; **stye** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
(Although AH does not give the variant for the singular noun, it shows **sties** or **styes** for the plural)
- stymie** first entry in all; **stymy** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **stimy** variant in NW, RH, SC
- subpoena** first entry in all; **subpena** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- subtle** first entry in all
subtile unqualified in AH, NC, SC; archaic in RH; rare in NW
- subtlety** first entry in all
subtilty unqualified in AH, NC, SC; archaic in RH; rare in NW
- succor** first entry in all; **succour** British in all
- sugar-tit** first entry in NW, RH; **sugar-teat** variant in RH
- sulf-** (combining form of **sulfur**. Typical examples and/or entries are **sulfur/sulphur**, **sulfate/sulphate**, **sulfide/sulphide**) first entry in all
sulph- unqualified in NC, RH, SC (Note in AH: "The spelling **sulph-** is no longer admitted by scientific publications "; NW: "now esp. Brit. spelling for **sulf-**")
- sulfa-** first entry in all; **sulpha-** variant in RH, SC (In these two the secondary spelling is entered after **sulfa-** and appears also in various separate entries such as **sulphadiazine**, **sulphanilamide**)
- sumac** first entry in all; **sumach** variant in all
- sunward** (adv) first entry in all; **sunwards** variant in all
- supercargoes** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **supercargos** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- supersede** first entry in all; **supercede** variant in NC
- suppletly** first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
supply first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC, NW, SC
- suppressor** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
suppressor first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
- surprise** (verb) first entry in all
surprize unqualified in NC; rare in AH, SC
- swab** first entry in all; **swob** variant in all
- swale** first entry in all; **swail** variant in AH, SC
- swami** first entry in all; **swamy** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- swan's-down** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
swansdown first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- swap** first entry in all; **swop** variant in all
- swastika** first entry in all; **swastica** variant in AH, SC
- swat** first entry in all; **swot** variant in NW, RH, SC
- swath** (noun) first entry in all; **swathe** variant in all

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swathable first entry in RH; **swatheable** variant in RH
sway-backed (adj) first entry in all; **swayback** variant in RH
sweepstakes first entry in all; **sweepstake** variant in all
sweetbrier first entry in all; **sweetbriar** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
swiveled, **-ling** first entry in all
 swivelled, **-ling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
swordsman first entry in all
 swordman unqualified in RH, SC; archaic in NW
syllabub first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
 sillabub first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW; **sillibub** variant in RH
sylvan first entry in all; **silvan** variant in all
symboled, **-ling** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
 symbolled, **-ling** unqualified in NC, NW; British in RH
synagogue first entry in all; **synagog** variant in all
sync (clipped form of noun "synchronization," and verb "to synchronize") first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **synch** variant for noun and verb in NC, NW, and for noun only in RH
syrup first entry in all
 sirup unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC
syrupy first entry in all; **sirupy** variant in NC, NW, RH

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tablespoonfuls first entry in all; **tablespoonsful** variant in NC
taboo first entry in all; **tabu** variant in all
tabor first entry in all; **tabour** variant in all; **taber** variant in SC
tacky (adj: slightly sticky, gummy) first entry in all; **tackey** variant in SC
taffrail first entry in all
 tafferel unqualified in NW, SC; archaic in RH
takable first entry in NW, RH; **takeable** variant in NW, RH
talcked, **-cking** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **talced**, **-cing** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
tamable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **tameable** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
tampion first entry in all; **tompion** variant in all
tangential first entry in all; **tangential** variant in AH, RH, SC
tarantism first entry in all; **tarentism** variant in RH, SC
tarboosh first entry in all; **tarbush** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
tariatan first entry in all; **tarietan** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

- tartar sauce** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
tartare sauce first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- tartuffe** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in SC
tartufe first entry in SC; variant in AH
- tasseled**, **-ling** first entry in all
tasselled, **-ling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- tawny** first entry in all; **tawney** variant in AH, RH, SC
- taxiing** first entry in all; **taxying** variant in all
- taxi** (noun) first entry in all; **taxies** variant in AH, NC, RH
- teasel** first entry in all; **teazel** variant in all; **teazle** variant in all
- teaspoonfuls** first entry in all; **teaspoonsful** variant in NC
- teen-age** (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
teenage first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH; **teen-aged** variant in AH, RH, SC;
teenaged variant in NC
- teetotaler** first entry in all
teetotaler unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC
- telpher** first entry in all; **telfer** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- template** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
templet first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- tendentious** first entry in all; **tendencious** variant in all
- tenderfoots** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
tenderfeet first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- teepee** first entry in all; **teepee** variant in all; **tipi** variant in all
- terrain** first entry in all; **terrane** variant in NC, NW
- terrane** first entry in all; **terrain** variant in all
- tetched** (somewhat deranged) first entry in NW, RH; variant in NC
teched first entry in NC
- tetchy** first entry in all; **techy** variant in all
- thane** (1. Anglo-Saxon freeman; 2. feudal lord or baron in Scotland) first entry in all; **thegn** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NW, RH, SC, and for 1 only in NC
- theater** first entry in all
theatre unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC
- thenceforward** first entry in all; **thenceforwards** variant in all
- thereabouts** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
thereabout first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
- therm** first entry in all; **therme** variant in AH, RH, SC
- thermostated**, **-ting** first entry in NC; **thermostatted**, **-ting** variant in NC
- thiamine** first entry in all; **thiamin** variant in all
- thiazine** first entry in all; **thiazin** variant in SC

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thiazole first entry in all; thiazol variant in SC

thingamabob first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

thingumbob first entry in RH; variant in NW, SC; thingumabob variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

thingamajig first entry in NC, NW, SC

thingumajig first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC

thitherward first entry in all; thitherwards variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

thorough first entry in all

thoro nonstandard in NC; clipped form in NW; informal in RH; rare in SC

thorp first entry in all; thorpe variant in NW, RH, SC

though first entry in all

tho informal in AH, RH; "var of though" in NC; clipped form in NW; "also spelled" in SC; **tho'** clipped form in NW; informal in RH

thralldom first entry in all; thraldom variant in all

thresh (to beat or flail, as grain) first entry in all; thrash variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

through first entry in all

thru informal in AH, RH; "var of through" in NC; "shortened spelling" in NW; "also spelled" in SC; **thro** archaic in NC, NW, RH; "also spelled" in SC; **thro'** archaic in NW, RH; variant in SC

thruster first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; thrustor variant in NC

thruway first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC

throughway first entry in NC; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NW, since separate entries for both spellings carry identical definitions: "same as expressway")

thunderous first entry in all; thundrous variant in AH, SC

thymy (abounding in or fragrant with thyme) first entry in NC, NW, SC; thymey variant in NC

ticktacktoe first entry in AH, NC, SC

tick-tack-toe first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH; **tit-tat-toe** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **tic-tac-toe** variant in NC, NW, RH; **tictactoe** variant in SC; **tick-tack-too** variant in RH; **ticktacktoo** variant in SC

tidbit first entry in all

titbit unqualified in AH, NC; British in NW, RH, SC

tiddlywinks first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

tiddledywinks first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

tigereye (a gemstone) first entry in NC, SC; variant in NW, RH

tiger's-eye first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC

tiger's eye first entry in NW

tiger-eye first entry in AH; **tigers-eye** variant in SC

tigerish first entry in all; tigrish variant in RH, SC

timbal first entry in all; tymbal variant in all

- timbre** first entry in all; **timber** variant in NC
- timpani** first entry in all; **tympani** variant in all
- tine** (of a fork, etc.) first entry in all
tyne unqualified in NC; British in RH
- tingeing** first entry in all; **tinging** variant in all
- tinker's damn** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
tinker's dam first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- tinsel**, **-ling** first entry in all
tinseled, **-ling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- tire** (noun) first entry in all; **tyre** British in all
- tittivate** first entry in all; **tittivate** variant in NC, NW, SC
- tobaccos** first entry in all; **tobaccoes** variant in AH, RH, SC
- today** first entry in all
to-day unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "formerly" in NW
- toffee** first entry in all; **toffy** variant in all
- Tolstoyan** first entry in NC, RH; **Tolstoian** variant in NC, RH
- tomorrow** first entry in all
to-morrow unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "formerly" in NW
- tom-tom** first entry in all; **tam-tam** variant for all meanings in NC, NW, RH; for restricted meanings such as "a Chinese gong" or "small-headed drums . . . beaten with the hands" in AH, SC
- tonight** first entry in all
to-night unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "formerly" in NW
- tonnage** first entry in all; **tunnage** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- tonsillar** (relating to tonsils) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
tonsilar first entry in AH; variant in RH, SC
- tootsy** (the foot) first entry in all; **tootsie** variant in AH, NC, NW
- topee** (pith helmet or sun hat) first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
topi first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
- topfull** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
topful first entry in NC; variant in AH
- Tophet** first entry in all; **Topheth** variant in NW, RH, SC
- tormentor** first entry in all; **tormenter** variant in all
- tornadoes** first entry in all; **tornados** variant in all
- torpedoes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
torpedos first entry in SC

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totaled, -ling first entry in all

totalled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

totalizator first entry in all (capitalized as trademark in RH); **totalizer** variant in all

totalisator unqualified in NC, NW; British in SC

toughie first entry in NC, NW, RH; **toughy** variant in NC, NW, RH

tourmaline first entry in all; **turmaline** variant in AH, RH, SC; **tourmalin** variant in RH, SC

touze first entry in all; **touze** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

tovarich first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

tovarisch first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH

tovarish first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

toward (prep) first entry in all; **towards** variant in all

toweled, -ling first entry in all

towelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

toweling (noun) first entry in all

towelling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

townie (non-student resident of a college town) first entry in AH, NW; **towny** variant in AH

toxemia first entry in all; **toxaemia** variant in NW, RH, SC

toxin first entry in all; **toxine** variant in AH, SC

tradable first entry in NC, NW, RH; **tradeable** variant in NC, NW, RH

trade union first entry in all

trades union unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, SC

trapeze first entry in all; **trapes** variant in NW, SC; **trapse** variant in NW

traitress first entry in all; **traitoress** variant in NC

trameled, -ling first entry in all

trammelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

tramontane (adj) first entry in all; **transmontane** variant in all

trampoline first entry in all; **trampolin** variant in AH

tranquelize first entry in all; **tranquillize** variant in all

tranquilizer first entry in all; **tranquillizer** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

tranquillity first entry in all; **tranquility** variant in all

transferable first entry in all; **transferrable** variant in NW, RH

transferral first entry in all; **transferral** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

transfusible first entry in all; **transfusable** variant in NC, RH

translator first entry in all; **translater** variant in RH

- transmittable first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW
transmittible first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH
- transonic first entry in all; trans-sonic variant in NC; transsonic variant in NW
- transship first entry in all; tranship variant in all
- transvestism first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
transvestitism first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH
- traveled, -ling first entry in all
travelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- traveler first entry in all
traveller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- travelogue first entry in all; travelog variant in all
- travertine first entry in all; travertin variant in RH, SC
- treenail first entry in all; trenail variant in all; trunnel variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- tremulant first entry in all; tremulent variant in AH, SC
- trestle first entry in all; tressel variant in NC
- tricolor (adj) first entry in all; tricolored variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- tricorn (noun) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
tricornie first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- trimestral first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; trimestrial variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- trivet first entry in all; trevet variant in SC
- trolley first entry in all; trolly variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- trousers first entry in all; trowsers variant in AH, NC, SC
- troweled, -ling first entry in all
trowelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- truing (pres. part.) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
trueing first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH
- tsetse fly first entry in all; tzetze fly variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- T-shirt first entry in all; tee shirt variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; T shirt variant in SC;
tee-shirt variant in RH
- tularemia first entry in all; tularaemia variant in NW, RH, SC
- tumbrel first entry in all; tumbril variant in all
- tumor first entry in all; tumour British in NC, NW, RH, SC
- tunable first entry in all; tuneable variant in all
- tunneled, -ling first entry in all
tunnelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- turbaned first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; turbanned variant in NC

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turfs first entry in all
 turves unqualified in NC; archaic in AH, NW, SC; British in RH
turquoise (the mineral, gem) first entry in all
 turquois unqualified in NC, NW, RH; obsolete in SC; **turkoi**s variant in SC
tussock first entry in all; **tussuck** variant in AH, SC
tuxedos first entry in all; **tuxedoes** variant in NC
twaddle first entry in all
 twattle unqualified in AH, NW, SC; "Br. Dial." in RH
twerp first entry in all; **twirp** variant in all
twinging (pres. part.) first entry in all; **twingeing** variant in NC
twopence first entry in all
 tuppence unqualified in NC, NW, RH; informal in AH, SC
twopenny (coin) first entry in all
 tuppenny unqualified in RH; informal in AH, SC
tying (pres. part.) first entry in all; **tieing** variant in NC
tyke first entry in all; **tike** variant in all
typeable first entry in NC; variant in NW
 typable first entry in NW
typy (adj) first entry in NC; **typey** variant in NC
tyro first entry in all; **tiro** variant in all

U

uhian first entry in all; **ulan** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
ukulele first entry in all; **ukelele** variant in RH
umiak first entry in all; **oomiak** variant in all; **umiack** variant in NW, SC; **oomiac** variant in NW, RH; **umiac** variant in RH; **oomiack** variant in NC
umpteenth first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **umteenth** variant in RH
unalterable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **inalterable** variant in NC, RH (These two dictionaries use **unalterable** to define **inalterable**)
unawares (adv) first entry in all
 unaware unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; archaic in SC
unknown first entry in all; **unknownst** variant in all
unbiased first entry in all
 unbiassed unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH
unblessed first entry in all; **unblest** variant in all
uncommunicative first entry in all; **incommunicative** variant in AH, NC, RH (These three dictionaries use **uncommunicative** to define **incommunicative**)

- uncontrollable** first entry in all; **incontrollable** variant in all (All of the dictionaries use **uncontrollable** to define **incontrollable**)
- underdevelop** first entry in NW, RH; **underdevelope** variant in RH
- underhand** (sneaky, deceitful) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
underhanded first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- undersea** (adv) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
underseas first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- undersized** first entry in all; **undersize** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- undreamed** (of) first entry in NC, NW, SC; **undreamt** (of) variant in NC, NW, SC
 (RH includes both spellings, in alphabetical order, in the list of undefined un- words)
- unequaled** first entry in all
unequalled unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH
- unessential** first entry in all; **inessential** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC (These four dictionaries use **unessential** to define **inessential**)
- unnameable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **unnamable** variant in NW, RH, SC
 (These words are found in the lists of undefined un- words. The only justification for considering **unnameable** the first entry is that it is the only spelling in NC)
- unraveled**, **rling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
untravelled, **rling** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH
- unrivalled** first entry in all
unrivalled unqualified in NC, NW; British in RH, SC
- unsalable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **unsaleable** variant in NW, RH, SC
 (These words are found in the lists of undefined un- words. The only justification for considering **unsalable** the first entry is that it is the only spelling in NC)
- unsavory** first entry in all; **unsavoury** British in RH, SC
- unshakable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **unshakeable** variant in NW, SC (SC places the entry in the text proper, with **unshakable** the first entry, NW includes both spellings in alphabetical order in the list of undefined un- words)
- unskillful** first entry in all; **unskilful** British in RH, SC
- unstable** first entry in all; **instable** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC (These four dictionaries use **unstable** to define **instable**)
- untamable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **untameable** variant in RH, SC
- untraveled** first entry in all
untravelled unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
- unwieldy** first entry in all; **unwieldly** variant in RH
- upstairs** (adj) first entry in all; **upstair** variant in RH
- upward** (adv) first entry in all; **upwards** variant in all

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upward of first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

upwards of first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

uremia first entry in all; **uraemia** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **urinemia** variant in SC;
urinaemia variant in SC

urinalysis first entry in all; **uranalysis** variant in RH, SC

usable first entry in all; **useable** variant in all

utilize first entry in all; **utilise** British in NW, RH, SC

utmost (noun) first entry in all; **uttermost** variant in all

V

Valentine Day first entry in NC, RH

Valentine's Day first entry in AH; variant in NC, RH; **Valentines Day** variant in AH

Valhalla first entry in all; **Walhalla** variant in all; **Valhall** variant in RH, SC; **Walhall** variant in RH

Valkyrie first entry in all; **Walkyrie** variant in all; **Valkyr** variant in SC

valor first entry in all; **valour** British in all

vamoose first entry in all; **vamose** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

vanillin first entry in all; **vanilline** variant in RH, SC

vapor first entry in all; **vapour** British in all

varicose (swollen, dilated, e.g., varicose veins) first entry in all; **varicosed** variant in NC

varmint first entry in all; **varment** variant in NW, RH

vedette first entry in all; **vidette** variant in all

vegetative first entry in all; **vegetive** variant in all

veld first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

veldt first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

velour first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

velours first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

vendible first entry in all; **vendable** variant in NC, NW

vendor first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

vender first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

veneteology first entry in all; **venerology** variant in NC, RH

venesection first entry in all; **venisection** variant in NC, RH

venipuncture first entry in all; **venepuncture** variant in NW, RH, SC

ventriloquial first entry in all; **ventriloqual** variant in RH, SC

Venus's-flytrap first entry in AH, NC, RH

Venus's flytrap first entry in SC

Venus' flytrap first entry in NW; **Venus fly trap** variant in RH, SC

- veranda** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
verandah first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- vermillion** first entry in all; **vermillion** variant in AH, NC, RH
- vermouth** first entry in all; **vermuth** variant in AH, SC
- vexed** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **vext** variant in NC
- vialed**, -ling first entry in AH, NW, SC
vialled, -ling unqualified in AH, NW, SC
- vicariate** first entry in all; **vicarate** variant in all
- victual (s)** first entry in all; **vittle (s)** unqualified in NC; nonstandard in AH; obsolete or dialect in NW; informal in SC
- victualled**, -ling first entry in all
victualled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- victualer** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
victualier first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH
- vicuña** first entry in all; **vicuna** variant in NC, RH; **vicugna** variant in SC
- vigor** first entry in all; **vigour** British in all
- villein** first entry in all; **villain** variant in all
- villeinage** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
villénage first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC; **villainage** variant in AH, RH, SC; **villanage** variant in RH
- violator** first entry in all; **violater** variant in RH
- viragoes** first entry in all; **viragos** variant in all
- virtu** first entry in all; **vertu** variant in all
- visa** first entry in all; **visé** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
- vise** first entry in all
vice unqualified in AH, RH; British in NC, NW, SC
- visor** first entry in all; **vizor** variant in all
- vitamin** first entry in all
vitamine unqualified in RH, SC; rare in AH
- vizier** first entry in all; **vizir** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- volcanoes** first entry in all; **volcanos** variant in all
- volcanology** first entry in all; **vulcanology** variant in all
- votable** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **voteable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- votaress** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
votress unqualified in SC; archaic in NC

W

- wacky first entry in all; whacky variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- wadable first entry in NC, RH; wadeable variant in NC, RH
- wadi first entry in all; wady variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- wagon first entry in all; waggon British in all
- wagons-lits first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
wagon-lits first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC
- wainscoting first entry in all
wainscoting unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- walkie-talkie first entry in all; walky-talky variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- washerwoman first entry in all; washwoman variant in all
- waterward first entry in RH; waterwards variant in RH
- way (the length of a course; distance) first entry in all
ways unqualified in NC, regional in AH, colloquial in NW, "popularly or dialectally" in SC
- weevily first entry in all; weevilly variant in all
- weigela first entry in all; weigella variant in NW, RH
- weirdie first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW
weirdo first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC; weirdy variant in AH, NC, SC
- welder first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; weldor variant in NC, RH
(In RH the presence of welder, weldor as undefined derived forms in the entry for weld suggests that the variant applies to all meanings. NC limits the variant to the single meaning "one whose work is welding")
- welsh (verb) first entry in all; welch variant in all
- Welsh first entry in all
Welch unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; rare in AH
- Welsh rabbit first entry in all; Welsh rarebit variant in all
(See usage notes in NW: "Faulty etymologizing," and SC: "The form rarebit was a later development and is the result of mistaken etymology")
- werewolf first entry in all; werwolf variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- wergeld first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
wergild first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW; weregild variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; wergelt variant in SC
- westward (adv) first entry in all; westwards variant in all
- wharves first entry in all; wharfs variant in all
- wheelman (helmsman) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; wheelsman variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NC, which has entries for both words, each using "helmsman" in the definition)

- whereabouts** first entry in all
whereabout unqualified for adv and noun in NC; rare for adv and noun in NW;
rare for adv only in SC
- whiffletree** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
whippetree first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- while** first entry in all
whilst British in AH, NC, RH, SC; dialect in NW
- whimsy** first entry in all; **whimsey** variant in all
- whiny** first entry in all; **whiney** variant in NC, NW, RH
- whir** first entry in all
whirr unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC
- whiskey** first entry in all; **whisky** variant in all
(AH, NW, and RH note that **whiskey** is used especially in reference to U.S. and
Irish liquors and **whisky** with British and Canadian)
- whitey** (derogatory term referring to a white person or the white community) first
entry in AH, RH, SC; **whity** variant in RH
- whiz** first entry in all; **whizz** variant in all
- whiz-bang** first entry in NW, RH
whizbang first entry in NC, SC
whizz-bang first entry in AH; variant in NW, RH, SC; **whizzbang** variant in NC
- whodunit** first entry in all; **whodunnit** variant in NC
- whoop-de-do** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **whoop-de-doo** variant in NC, NW, RH,
SC
- whoosis** first entry in RH; variant in NW
whosis first entry in NW; variant in RH
- whop** first entry in all; **whap** variant in NC, NW, SC
- whopper** first entry in all; **whapper** variant in NW, SC
- wickiup** first entry in all; **wikiup** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **wickyup** variant in RH
- widgeon** first entry in all
wigeon unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; British in AH
- wiener** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **weenie** informal in AH, RH, SC; colloquial in
NW; **wienie** unqualified in SC; colloquial in NW; informal in RH; **weeny**
colloquial in NW
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NC, in which **wiener** and
wienie are defined alike—"frankfurter"—and **weenie** is called a variant of
wienie)
- willful** first entry in all
wilful unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
- williwaw** first entry in all; **willywaw** variant in NW, RH, SC; **willie-wa** variant in RH;
williwau variant in RH; **willy-waa** variant in RH

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- wingding** first entry in AH, NC, NW
wing-ding first entry in RH; whing-ding variant in NC; whingding variant in NW
- winos** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
winoes first entry in AH, SC
- wintry** first entry in all; wintery variant in all
- winy** first entry in all; winey variant in NC
- wisenheimer** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; weisenheimer variant in AH, NC, RH
- wisteria** first entry in all; wistarla variant in all
- witch hazel** first entry in all; wych-hazel variant in SC
- wobble** first entry in all; wabble variant in all
- wobbly** (adj) first entry in all; wabbly variant in RH, SC
- Woden** first entry in all; Wodan variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- woebegone** first entry in all
wobegone unqualified in AH, SC; archaic in RH
- woeful** first entry in all
woful unqualified in AH, NC, RH; archaic in NW, SC
- wolverine** first entry in all
wolverene unqualified in SC; British in NW
- womenfolk** first entry in all; womenfolks variant in all
- woodbine** first entry in all; woodbind variant in SC
- woodsman** first entry in all; woodman variant in NC, NW, RH, SC (RH restricts woodman to single meaning "a person accustomed to life in the woods and skilled in the arts of the woods, as hunting, trapping")
- woolen** first entry in all
woollen unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in NW, RH
- woolly** (adj, noun) first entry in all
wooly unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC; woolie variant (noun only) in NC
- workfolk** first entry in all; workfolks variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
- World Series** first entry in all (lower case in NC, and either way in NW)
world's series variant in AH, RH, SC (capitalized in RH)
- worshipped**, **-ping** first entry in all
worshipped, **-pping** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
- worshiper** first entry in all
worshipper unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
- wrier**, **wriest** first entry in all; wryer, wryest variant in AH, SC
- wych-elm** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; witch-elm variant in AH, NW, RH, SC;
wich-elm variant in SC

X

xebec first entry in all; **zebec** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **zebeck** variant in AH, NW, RH

x-ed (to mark with an x; to delete) first entry in NC, NW, RH
x'd first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH; **xed** variant in AH, NC

x-ing first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **x'ing** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

Y

yachtsman first entry in all; **yachtman** variant in SC

yachtsmanship first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **yachtmanship** variant in RH, SC

Yahweh first entry in all; **Yahveh** variant in all; **Jahveh** variant in all; **Jahweh** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **Yahve** variant in NW, RH, SC; **Jahve** variant in NW, RH, SC; **Jahwe** variant in NW, RH, SC; **Yahwe** variant in NW, RH

yak (noun: persistent talk; verb: to chatter) first entry in all; **yack** variant in AH, NC, NW

yare (1. quick, lively, ready; 2. easily handled, as a ship) first entry in all
yar variant for 1 and 2 in NC, RH, and for 1 only in NW

yarmulke first entry in all; **yarmelke** variant in all; **yamalka** variant in NW; **yamulka** variant in NW; **Yarmalke** variant in NW

yawp first entry in all; **yaup** variant in all

yeoman's service first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **yeoman service** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

yesses (noun) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **yesses** variant in SC

yeshiva first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **yeshivah** variant in NC, RH, SC

yodel first entry in all; **yodle** variant in AH, RH, SC

yodeled, -ling first entry in all
yodelled, -lling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

yodler first entry in all
yodeller unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH; **yodlet** variant in RH, SC

yogi first entry in all; **yogin** variant in all; **yogee** variant in SC

yogurt first entry in all; **yoghurt** variant in all; **yoghourt** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

yolk first entry in all; **yoke** variant in NC, RH

yowl first entry in all
yawl unqualified in SC; "Br. Dial." in NW, RH

Z

zabaglione first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **zabaione** variant in RH; **zabajone** variant in RH

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zephyrean first entry in RH; **zephyrian** variant in RH

zeros first entry in all; **zeroes** variant in all

zibeline first entry in all; **zibelline** variant in all

ziggurat first entry in all; **zikkurat** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **zikurat** variant in NW, RH

zinked, **-cking** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
zinc, **-cing** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

zinky first entry in NC, NW, SC; **zinky** variant in NC, NW, SC; **zincy** variant in NC, NW, SC

zither first entry in all; **zithern** variant in AH, SC

zombie first entry in all; **zombi** variant in all

(AH and SC make no spelling distinction according to meaning. NC, NW, and RH, however, indicate that **zombi** is the usual spelling for certain meanings, as "snake deities of voodoo cults" or "supernatural force that brings a corpse to life," and that **zombie** is the usual spelling for other meanings, as "a corpse reactivated by sorcery" or "a drink made of various rums and flavorings")

Zoroastrianism first entry in all; **Zoroastrism** variant in RH, SC